


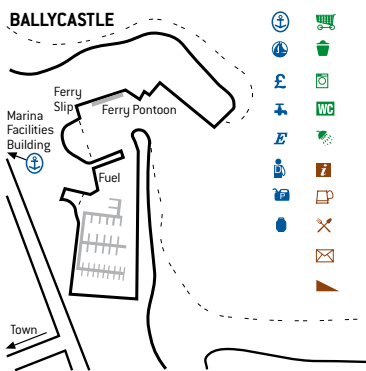


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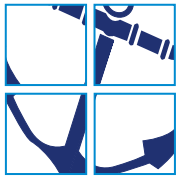
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WELCOME ANCHORAGES sets out to provide the facilities information to help make your cruise go smoothly and be more enjoyable. We hope you will find this fifth edition as useful its predecessors. We draw users attention to the revised colour coding used to identify the pages relevant to all five sailing sectors.

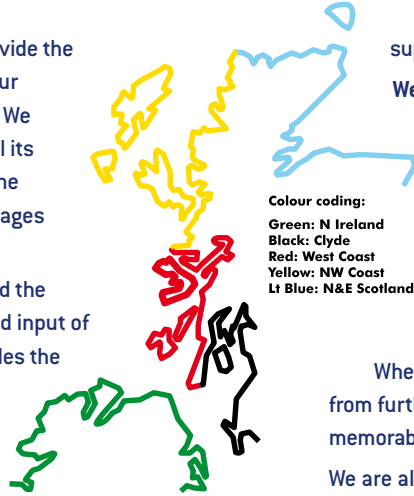
In this edition we have once again expanded the geographical coverage. With the support and input of MalinWaters and The Crown Estate, it includes the north coast of Ireland from Sligo in Donegal Bay to Ardglass south of Strangford Lough.

This development recognises the

increasing cruising traffic that enjoys the waters of the Malin Sea Area. You can read more about the Sail West and MalinWaters project on page 62 and about the Crown Estate on page 63. The MalinWaters website is a source of wide-ranging



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Welcome Anchorages is available free at boat shows, marinas, marine trade outlets and also to download from our website: www.welcomeanchorages.info

Whether you are a Scottish or Irish based cruising sailor, or a visitor from further afield, we hope you enjoy planning your cruise, and have memorable voyaging in these waters.

We are always improving the information Welcome Anchorages provides, and keeping it as up to date as possible, so please send suggestions and updates to the Editor by email to mike@clydemarinepress.co.uk, or via the website emailing facility.

Fair winds and good sailing in 2012!



Mike Balmforth Editor

Main picture: Ballycastle Marina. Small left: Mallaig. Small right: Lochaline.



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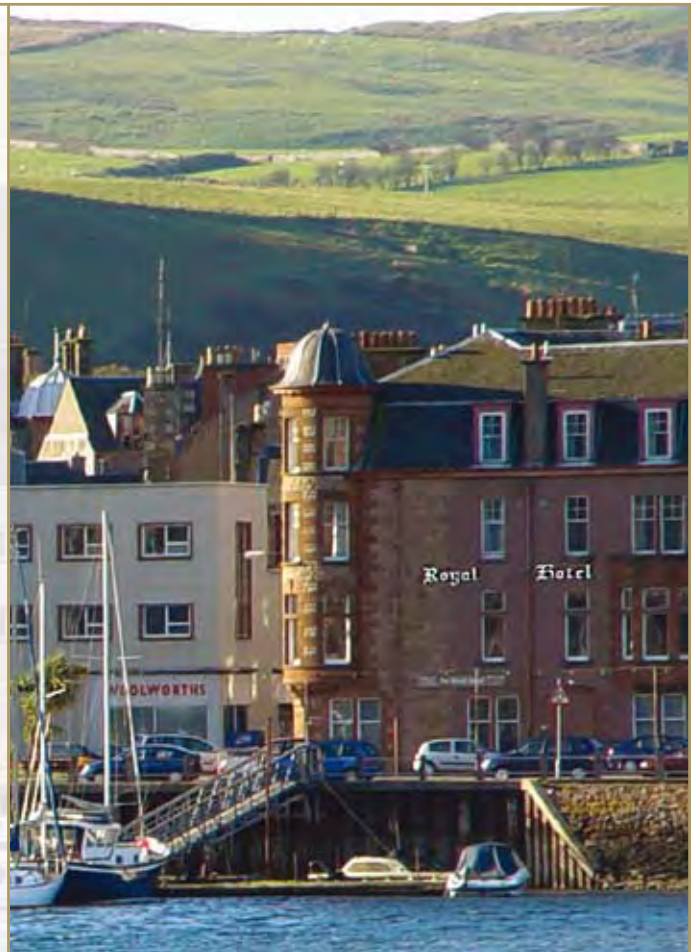
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- Be careful not to spill oil and fuel and check your bilges before pumping out. One litre of oil or fuel can contaminate one million litres of water!
- Raw sewage from boats can be a powerful pollutant. Use shore-side toilet facilities wherever possible and particularly if you are anchored in water with restricted tidal flow or near shellfish beds.
- Use only environmentally friendly cleaners below and on deck.
- In the more remote parts of Scotland waste bins can be hard to find so plan to hold on to your rubbish and dispose of it properly, recycling as much as possible. Make sure no loose waste gets blown overboard.
- Minimise your use of fossil fuels, sail where possible and go with the tide. Use the free gym and row your tender rather than use the outboard!
- Avoid excess noise and wash and take time to enjoy the tranquility of this beautiful coastline.
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The Green Blue is the joint environmental initiative by the British Marine Federation and the Royal Yachting Association, supported in Scotland by:



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IRELAND – NORTH



THE EASTERN shore of Northern Ireland has three large and very different loughs, and great variety of scenery. Cruising northward from Carlingford Lough, the impressive bulk of the Cooley and Mourne Mountains dominate the view to the west. The highest peak of the Mourne Mountains is Slieve Donard at 850m (2,789ft). Carlingford Lough provides a potential stopping place, though with a difficult entrance if tide and wind are not co-operating. It also forms the boundary between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Carlingford is the only fjord-like feature on this coast; of the other two loughs, Strangford Lough is a submerged drumlin filled basin, and Belfast Lough is more like a ria, a drowned river valley. Ireland's east coast is sheltered from the prevailing westerlies, although the direct course from the Irish Sea to South Rock is more than 20 miles from the coast in places, so any shelter is more theoretical than actual.

North of Strangford entrance, which leads to a small cruising paradise, the east Down coast between there and Belfast Lough is a regular route for many Ulster sailors re-locating their yachts. It does not offer much in the way of yachting orientated harbours, as Portavogie is dominated by its fishing fleet. Donaghadee, virtually in Belfast Lough, has a good visitor's berth beside the lighthouse.

Belfast Lough is a fine stretch of open water, and a very busy sea-route. There are excellent marinas on either shore at Bangor and Carrickfergus, and there are now 40 berths in

Belfast port for leisure craft in the Abercorn Basin.

North from Belfast Lough lie the beautiful Glens of Antrim where the valleys which cut into the basalt escarpments terminate in relatively sheltered bays. As one sails north, the headlands become more dominant and the tides stronger until one turns the corner at Fair Head, an unmistakable 180m (600ft) promontory overlooking the Mull of Kintyre and Rathlin Island.

Heading west from Fair Head to Bloody Foreland, this part of the North Channel, as one rounds Fair Head, is known as the Sea of Moyle, whereas west of Malin Head one is definitely sailing on the Atlantic Ocean.

The transition from the relatively sheltered North Channel waters to the open ocean as one progresses westward, together with vigorous tidal streams as far west as Inishtrahull, requires careful passage planning, along with a degree of opportunism, to make a comfortable passage to Bloody Foreland.

This section of the Irish Coast may be only 80 miles long, but it offers some spectacular coastal scenery, the opportunity for very fast or very slow passages depending on conditions, and a mixture of convenient stopping points and sheltered inland havens.

Text from **Cruising Ireland**, courtesy of Irish Cruising Club. Look out for this new guide, which will be published during 2012



Donegal's west coast with Donegal Bay is a superb and unspoiled cruising area. The area south of Bloody Foreland is known as 'The Rosses', and its islands and channels are a fascinating playground.

The coastal scenery from here around to Donegal Bay is remarkable, and can be best seen from the sea. Glen Head and Rossan Point are well known headlands, and once into Donegal Bay Slieve League dominates the northern shore. Killybegs and Sligo are both excellent harbours and pleasant towns for yachts to visit.

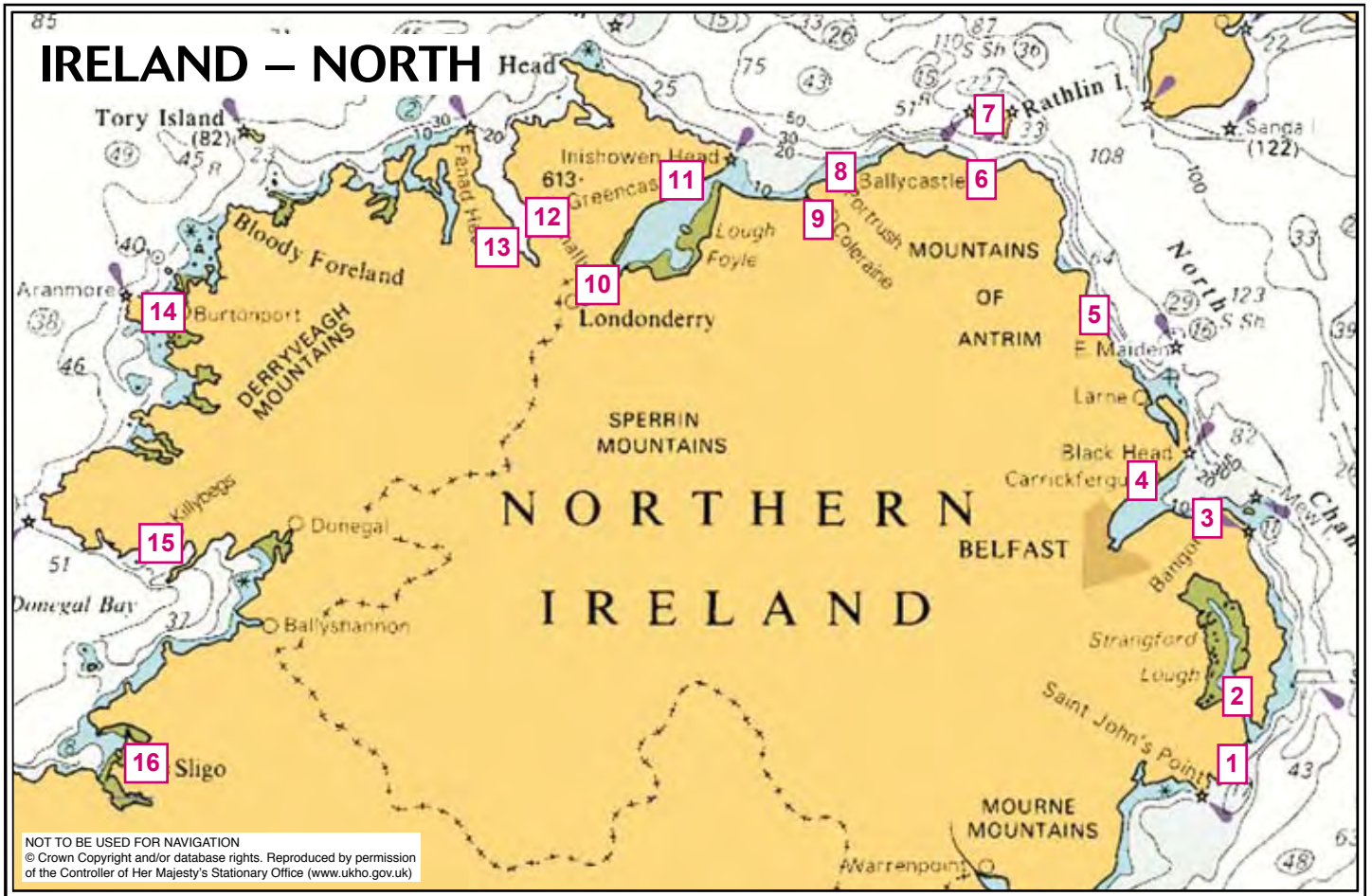


Top: Westward Ho! Bengore Head from Ballintoy.

Right: Portmore and the old lighthouse, Inishtrahull.

Below: St John's Point and the Mountains of Mourne.





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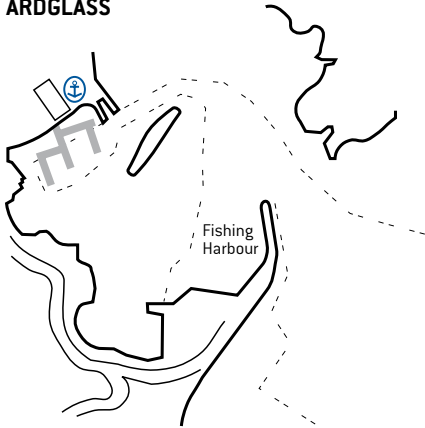
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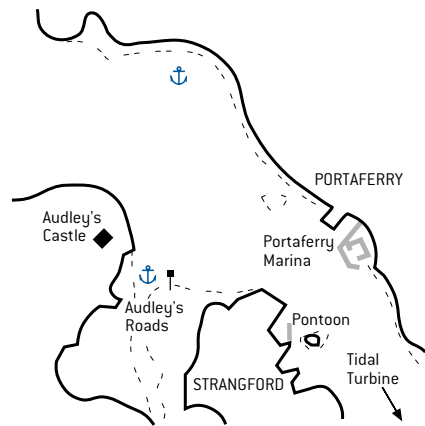


Ardglass is a major fishing port, and its marina is a useful stopping place on a coastal passage north or south, as it is close to the direct course and can be entered in all weather conditions. It is also a convenient spot to await a favourable tide for entering Strangford Lough. Phennick Cove Marina has modern facilities, and is just 6 miles from Downpatrick, where most services are available. Ardglass began as an Anglo-Norman port, then grew when exporting grain in the 15th Century. Its many historic buildings give the village a unique character. The renowned golf course is immediately south of the harbour, and welcomes visitors.

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STRANGFORD NARROWS



Portaferry offers traditional shops, pubs, restaurants and a market square, and is an attractive seaside town. Here you will find Exploris, the Northern Ireland Aquarium, a rich architectural heritage and traditional charm. Strangford is a smaller village, again with pubs, restaurants and shops. The newly installed visitor pontoon enables visitors to sample the delights of both places. Local attractions include the National Trust properties at Mount Stewart and Castleward. St Patrick's heritage is everywhere, and there is a variety of local walks and places of natural beauty. Strangford Lough is an EU Special Area of Conservation and one of only three Marine Nature Reserves in the British Isles

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BANGOR



Bangor Marina is situated on the south shore of Belfast Lough, close to the Irish Sea cruising routes. The marina provides a safe berth in the centre of Bangor, a pleasant town within 30 minutes of Belfast City Airport and Belfast City Centre by train, bus, or car. The Marina, which offers a complete range of boating services, is manned 24hrs a day by friendly and efficient staff. Visitors to Bangor Marina will find hotels, restaurants, bars, shops and many leisure attractions within easy walking distance. The Tourist Information Centre is adjacent to the marina. The North Down Heritage Centre, in the town, and the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, a few miles away at Cultra, are worth a visit.

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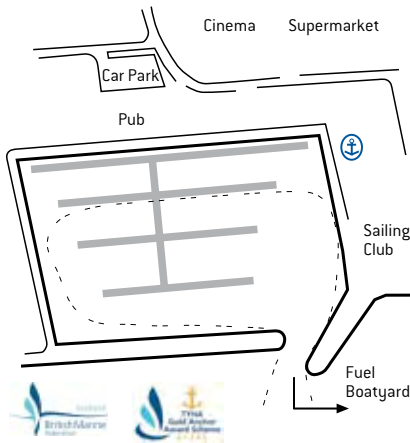
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Carrickfergus Marina's recent accolades include the TYHA 5 Gold Anchor Award, European Blue Flag Award, the RYA's Berth Holder's Charter (first award in Ireland) and the RYA Sailability centre for disabled sailing.

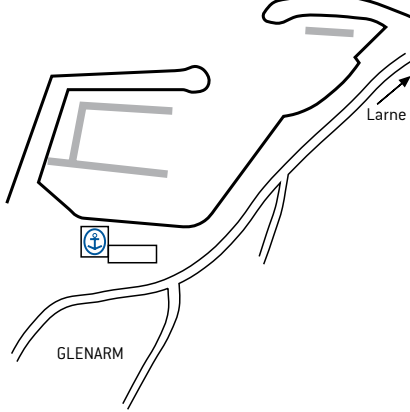
The Marine Services Area at the Harbour offers a wide range of maintenance and marine engineering services together with upholstery and canvas work services and sail repairs.

As a special promotion, all visitors can enjoy a complimentary second night's stay as when paying on arrival.

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GLENARM



Glenarm Marina, a handy port of call for sailors and yachtsmen en route to and from Scotland's west coast, is conveniently located on the beautiful Antrim coast 7 miles north of Larne and close to the direct north-south track through the North Channel.

Visiting vessels are welcome.

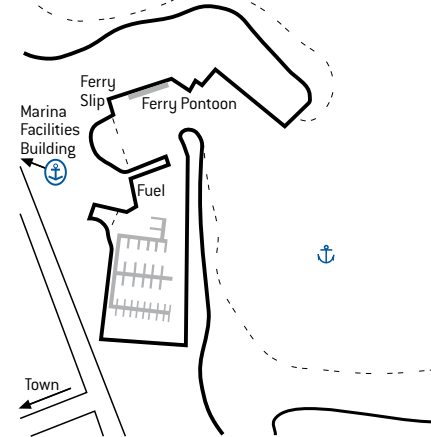
The marina has 40 fully serviced pontoon berths within the village's historical limestone harbour, which is ideally situated a day's sail from the Western Isles and Clyde.

Glenarm is a charming village and is a good base from which to explore the Glens of Antrim.

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BALLYCASTLE



Ballycastle Marina is strategically situated just a few miles west of Fair Head and is a convenient arrival point from Scotland whether headed west or south. The marina is very sheltered, and just a few minutes walk from the town.

The seaside town is famous for its Old Lammass Fair, which has been held at the end of August each year for over 400 years.

Marconi conducted some of his earliest experiments in radio transmission between Rathlin and Ballycastle in 1898.

The town is an excellent centre for exploring Fair Head to the east, and the Causeway Coast to the west. It has a good range of shops, pubs, restaurants, and bus connections.

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To See The New Marina Building At Ballycastle

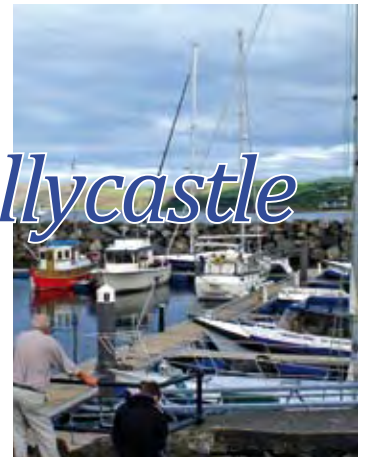


The Blue Flag award-winning Ballycastle Marina is situated on the spectacular North Antrim Coast, offering excellent scope for marine travel around Ireland and to Scotland. Each of the 74 berths have fresh running water and an electrical supply along with ample lighting and a keypad access point to ensure visitors' privacy and security.

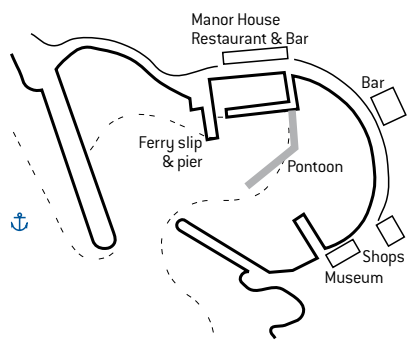


The new building provides toilet, shower, kitchen and laundry facilities for marina visitors, along with internet access. The Harbourmaster's office and meeting facilities are also accommodated within the new marina building which was funded under the EU's INTERREG IVA Programme.

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RATHLIN ISLAND



With the improvement in harbour facilities and shelter Church Bay, Rathlin has become a popular cruising port of call.

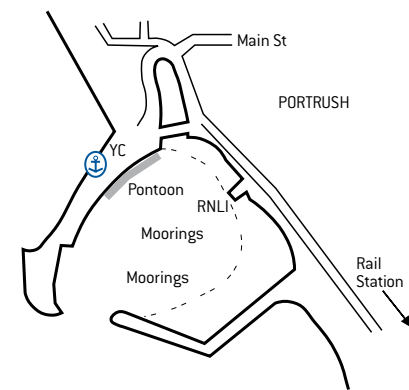
Rathlin Island is a fascinating place, and a magnet for sailors, birdwatchers and divers. The island has spectacular cliffs and is renowned for its colonies of puffins, kittiwakes, guillemots and razorbills. The waters around Rathlin have strong tides and are strewn with wrecks, the biggest being the 14,000-ton World War 1 armoured cruiser Drake, torpedoed in 1917.

Walks to the West or East lighthouses will stretch your legs, or the pubs and restaurants around the bay will deal with the inner man!

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PORTRUSH



Portrush is ideally placed for visitors to explore an area of outstanding natural beauty. Enjoy a trip to the nearby Giants Causeway and Dunluce Castle, or a visit to Londonderry, the European City of Culture 2013.

Portrush has excellent Rail and Bus Links with connections to Belfast and Dublin available daily. Outdoor Activities include: fishing, surfing, cycling, coastal walks, rock climbing and coasteering, plus two Golf Clubs.

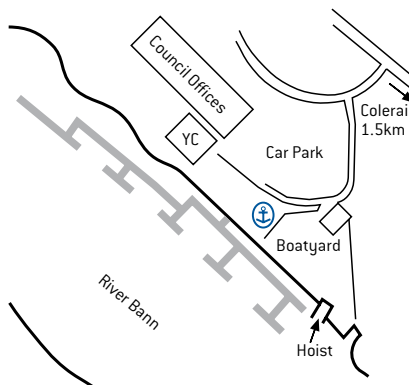
For the night owl, Portrush offers great food and entertainment. There are 5 Restaurants and 2 Bars situated within 300m of the pontoons, creating a lively atmosphere during weekends and over the summer months of July and August.

Portrush YC is next to the Harbour Office and welcomes all sailing visitors. (free Wi Fi)

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COLERAINE



There are two marinas at Coleraine in the perfectly sheltered waters of the River Bann and a short distance below the busy University town. Seaton's Marina is nearer the mouth of the Bann, and does not usually have space for visitors.

The council run Coleraine Marina has visitor berths, is well equipped and is nearer the town.

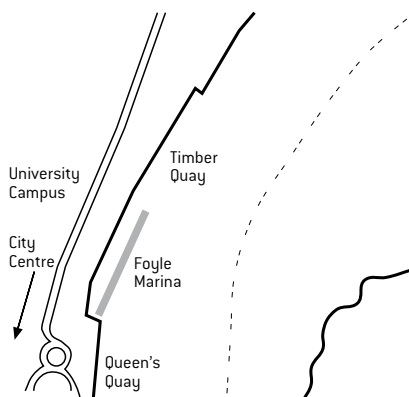
Coleraine has the oldest human settlements in Ireland – houses dating from 7000BC have been discovered at Mountsandel, south of the town.

There are excellent train and bus connections to Belfast, Derry and Portrush, and the town's Riverside Theatre is a prestigious venue for drama productions.

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DERRY/LONDONDERRY



Foyle Marina is situated in the city centre, 17 miles from the mouth of Lough Foyle.

Please contact Harbour Radio on VHF Ch 14 (24 hours) and then stop at Londonderry Port, Lisahally, to pay harbour dues, collect access key and tokens for shore power.

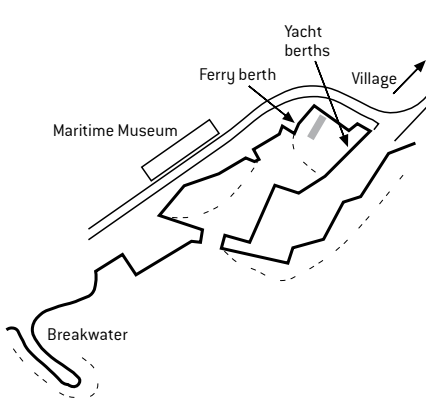
Boats can berth at either side of the Foyle Pontoon, up to 7m on the outside; 5m on the inside at LW. The pontoon has shore power, fresh water and waste reception facilities. Access is for key holders only and CCTV monitors the area 24hrs a day.

There are bars and restaurant close to Foyle Marina, which is within walking distance of the city centre, where you will find more restaurants, bars, shops, and many other facilities. A laundrette and chandlery store are also nearby.

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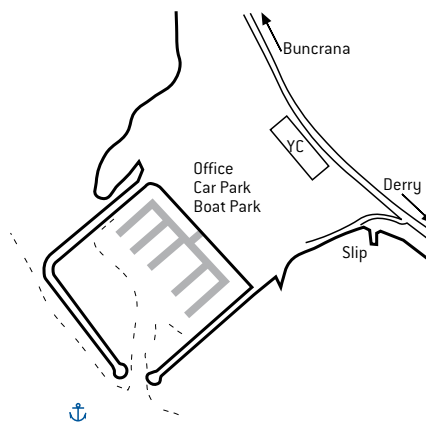


Greencastle has the most accessible harbour in Donegal for a yacht coming from Scotland or Northern Ireland. Less crowded with fishing boats than formerly, the harbour has space to accommodate some visiting yachts. It is also the western terminus of the ferry from Magilligan Point. Greencastle is home to the National Fisheries school and the Inishowen Maritime Museum and Planetarium. Greencastle takes its name from the castle, built in 1305 by Richard de Burgo Earl of Ulster to guard the entrance to Lough Foyle.

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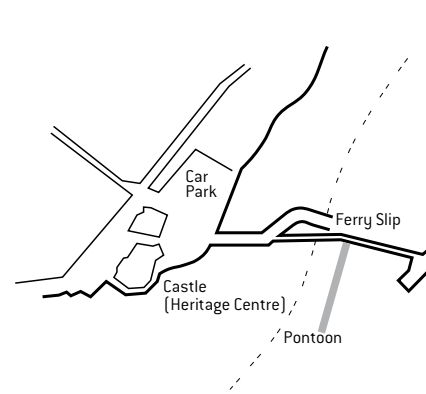
Lough Swilly Marina is a partially completed marina currently able to provide safe berthing for 200 boats, located between Inch Island and Fahan Hill in secure and sheltered waters. Visiting yachts are welcome. The marina is in Fahan Creek on the south east side of Lough Swilly and is the main centre of sailing in the lough, home to Lough Swilly Yacht Club and the largest community of yachts in Donegal. It is a ten minute drive from the City of Derry. Fahan owes its origins to a 6th-century monastery, and the very well-preserved 8th-century St Mura's cross-slab is within a walled graveyard. Buncrana, the second biggest town in Donegal is some 10km to the north, and can provide most supplies.

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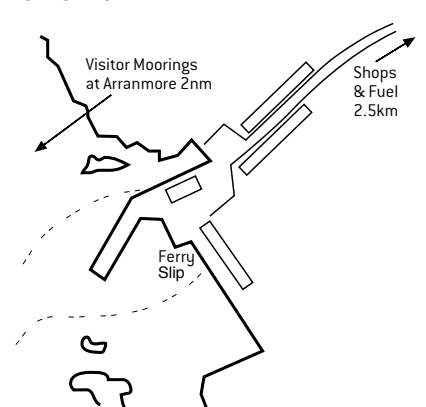


Rathmullan is a delightful historic village on the west shore of Lough Swilly. From here in 1607 the Ulster chieftains O'Neill and O'Donnell fled to exile in the 'Flight of the Earls'. The event is commemorated by a museum in Rathmullan, which was also later the centre of British naval presence in Lough Swilly, one of the four Treaty Ports of 1921, finally relinquished in 1938. The battery situated near the pier was built to defend Lough Swilly from possible invasion during the Napoleonic Wars. Today it houses the heritage centre. Otway Golf Club is 3 miles away, a 9 hole course ideal for the holiday golfer. There is an active sailing school, and an equestrian centre.

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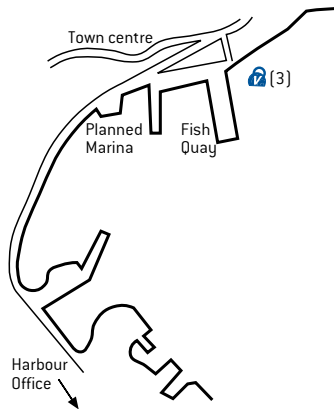
Burtonport has the principal harbour on the west coast of Donegal and is the ferry port for Aranmore. It is an ideal base for exploring the islands and sounds of the Rosses, the stunningly scenic granite coast of Ireland's northwestern extremity. Nearby Aranmore offers excellent walking around its coast, and to the lighthouse at Rinrawros Point. Burtonport and the small islands along this coast are steeped in history. An 18th-century herring fishing station was set up here, and although it lasted only 14 years, many of the buildings survive and have been renovated. A French military force led by Napper Tandy landed on nearby Rutland Island in a failed attempt to assist rebels during the 1798 rebellion.

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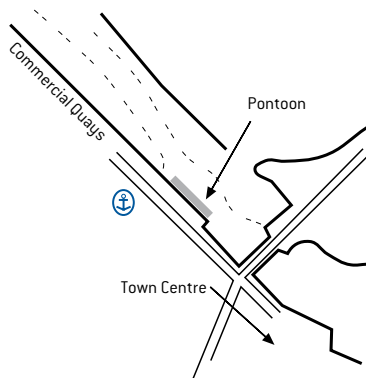


Killybegs is Ireland's largest fishing port, with a large pelagic fleet active mostly in winter that lands the largest tonnage in the British Isles. The fine natural harbour, at the tip of a deep fjord-like inlet, makes it one of the safest, most sheltered, deep-water harbours on the Irish coast. Killybegs welcomes yachts and has visitors' moorings. There are plans to build a marina for local boatowners and visitors, which may be complete sometime during 2012. Meanwhile, there are 3 visitor moorings, or yachts can lie at the town pier with the small fishing boats. Technical services, supplies of all sorts, and transport connections are available.

Killybegs Harbour
 (Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine)
 Phone +353 (0)74 973 1032
 E-mail: info@killybegsharbour.ie
 VHF: 14 (24h)



SLIGO



Sligo has a 60m pontoon, with 2m depth alongside at lowest tides, right in the middle of town and convenient for shops and supermarkets, pubs and restaurants. The river channel to the town is well marked and lit, and navigable at all states of the tide. The pontoon has a security gate. Sligo is a lively county town, well served by public transport and an ideal base from which to explore Yeats Country, the homeland of Ireland's greatest poet. Yachtsmen are welcome at the City Hotel, close to the harbour, for showers etc.

Sligo Harbour
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Stranraer Marina

is the ideal location for all sailors - situated at a sailing cross roads with access to the Clyde, the Solway, Isle of Man and the North Channel and beyond to the Irish sea and West Coast of Scotland.

- Nine Secure visiting berths with CCTV
- Electricity
- Fresh Water
- Rubbish disposal
- new in 2012 our shore facilities block including excellent showers, toilets, laundry facilities, WiFi, Harbour Masters Office and HM Coast Guard depot.

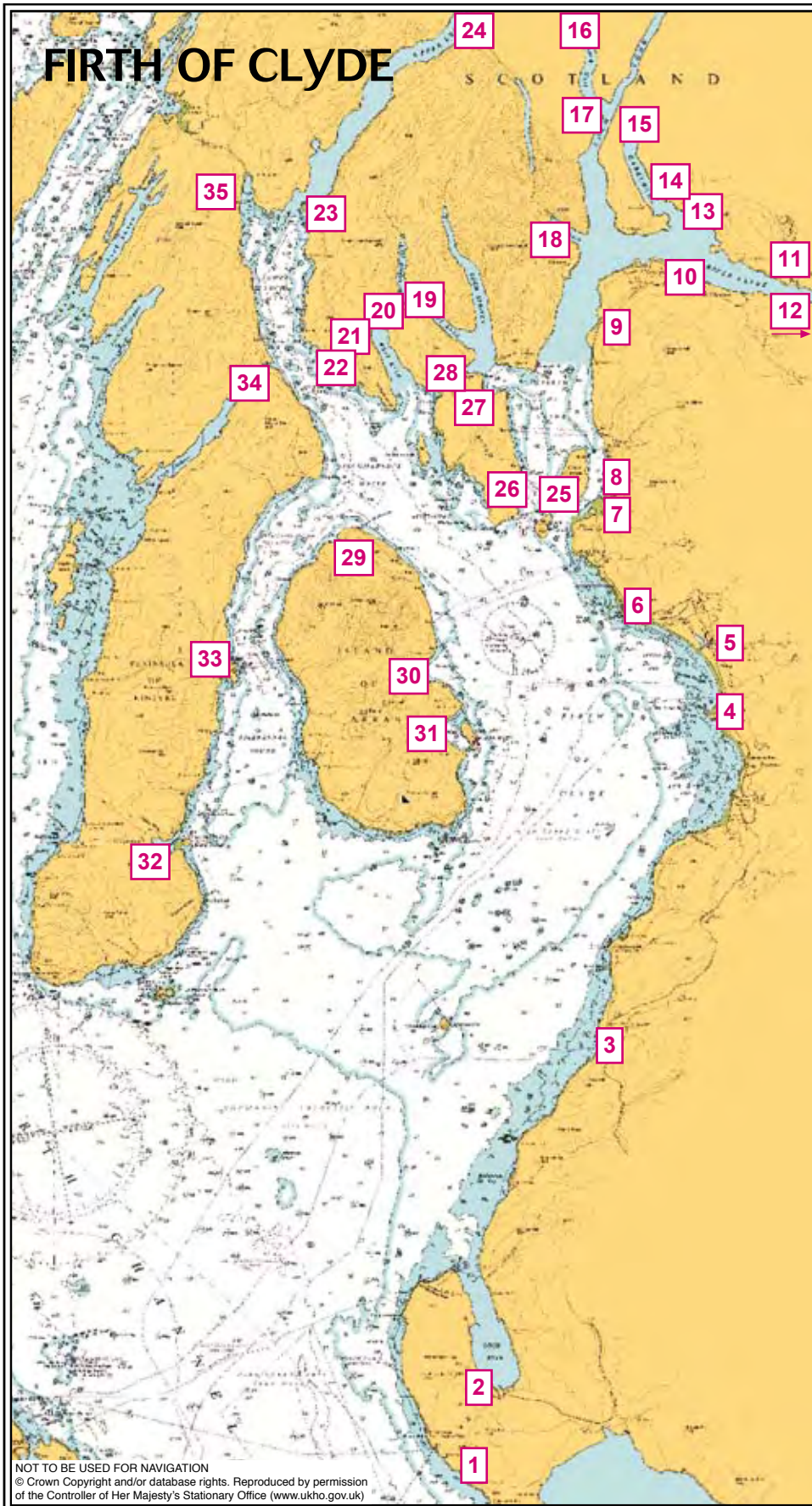
You are just five minutes stroll from Stranraer Town Centre with plenty of shops, cafes and restaurants and the historical Castle of St John. This is an excellent centre for walking, cycling, visiting gardens and picturesque harbour villages.

For more information contact the Harbourmaster on 07734073421/07827277247 or Dumfries and Galloway Council on 03033333000

email DGFirst-Wigtown@dumgal.gov.uk



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- Boatyard
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- Laundrette
- Toilets
- Showers
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- Bar
- Restaurant
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FIRTH of CLYDE

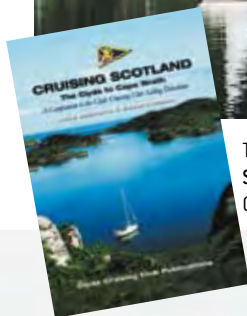


THE CLYDE Estuary's numerous islands, many small towns and sheltered anchorages offer an attractive and safe place to sail, but the Clyde is also important as a base for wider cruising activity. The remainder of Scotland's west coast is accessible through the Crinan Canal, as is the east coast and Scandinavia via the Forth & Clyde and Caledonian Canals. Ireland and the northern Irish Sea is approximately a day's sail away. Sailing in the Firth of Clyde splits into four areas, enabling the sailor to find water that is suited to his boat, level of experience, the weather, and crew ability. The east shore has the majority of the large marinas used for permanent berthing, good transport links and easy access from centres of population. The western areas generally offer destinations; places where sailors wish to visit, and they vary from secluded anchorages to harbours with pontoons and other village amenities. Upstream the River Clyde and its sea lochs are well suited to powered craft and smaller sailing yachts, with Glasgow City again turning its face to the river and seeking to attract more activity on the water. Berthing facilities which now exist close to Glasgow city centre will enable a cruising yacht to visit for a few days, or more. To the south is the North Channel and the seaways from Ireland, England and Wales. For many visiting cruising folk this is the routeway to Scottish cruising. With good havens on the mainland coast, and the grandeur of Ailsa Craig and Arran on the horizon, it is a splendid introduction to cruising in Scottish waters. Cruising on the Clyde has many advantages over land-based touring, where, unless a ferry can be taken, long journeys around the heads of the lochs take up much of the time. On a yacht one can hope for a more direct

line. This a great source of satisfaction in itself and it soon becomes apparent why this region became so highly developed for industry and tourism long before road or rail travel was practicable. The Clyde offers a wide variety of sailing areas, ranging from long, narrow lochs extending north into the hills to the more open waters surrounding Arran in the south, with gentler passages around the Isle of Bute and the Cumbraes in between. Navigation is straightforward and hazards are well marked. Tidal streams are rarely significant and the shelter is such that in all but the

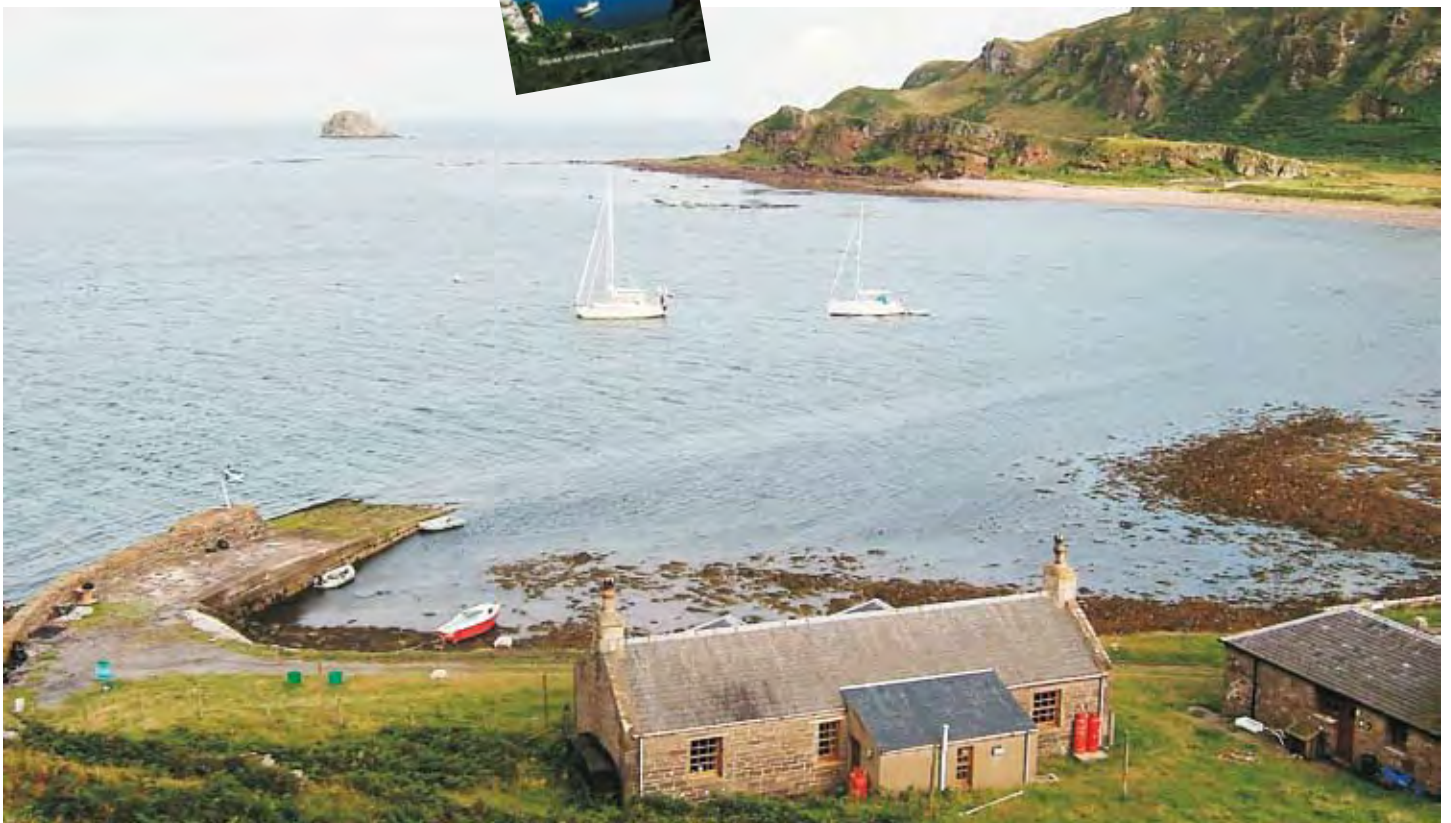
most extreme weather conditions it is usually possible to get some sailing, an important consideration for weekend sailors.

Cruising opportunities within the Firth are boundless and planning a two week cruise with a different anchorage every night is a simple matter. Perhaps the best advice is to allow extra time over and above a basic itinerary in case of poor weather or spontaneous stopovers at attractive places, and diversions to others. There is nothing worse than to be driven by a timetable that turns a holiday into a logistics exercise!

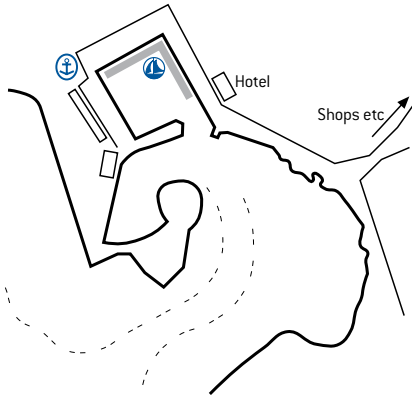


Text from *Cruising Scotland*, courtesy of Clyde Cruising Club

Top: View to the west: Cumbrae, Bute and Arran.
Above: The beautiful and popular Kyles of Bute.
Below: Sanda anchorage, Mull of Kintyre.



PORTPATRICK

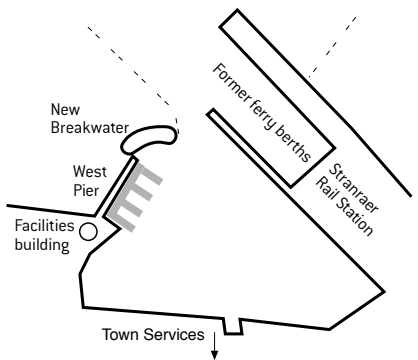


Characterful Portpatrick has newly developed pontoon berths available for visitors and permanently moored boats up to 20 metres in length from Easter 2012. Excellent facilities include showers, water and electricity at berths. New wave protection provides improved shelter. Superb location with easy access to Ireland, Isle of Man, the Clyde and Highland sailing grounds. Great pubs and restaurants in the village. Visitor interests include two golf courses, a bus service to Stranraer, and it is at the western end of the Southern Upland Way, which offers good walks along the spectacular coast to the north. Contact 01273 440099 for long term berthing information.

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 Website: From early 2012
 VHF: Ch 37 (M1) & 80



STRANRAER

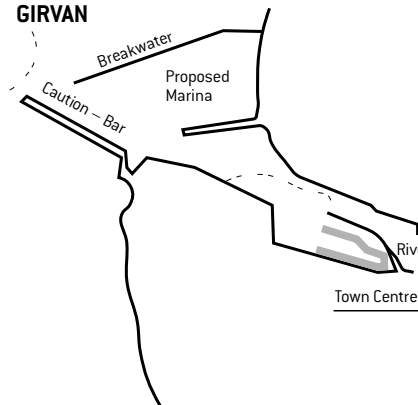


Stranraer's new pontoon berths are popular with visiting cruising sailors. The marina toilets and showers are being upgraded and a new harbour master's office constructed. These new facilities close to the west pier will open in Spring 2012. The Stena ferry service moved from Stranraer to Cairnryan in autumn 2011. The town offers a good range of shops and visitor attractions, such as the museum and the Castle of St. John where the view from the roof is magnificent. Transport connections are good for crew changes. Stranraer is a great centre for the serious walker and is skirted by the Southern Upland Way, or the visitor can enjoy 18 holes of golf at Creachmore. Loch Ryan Sailing Club is located at Wig Bay, a little north of the town.

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 E-mail: DGFirst-Wigtown@dumgal.gov.uk
 VHF: Cairnryan Port Ch 14



GIRVAN

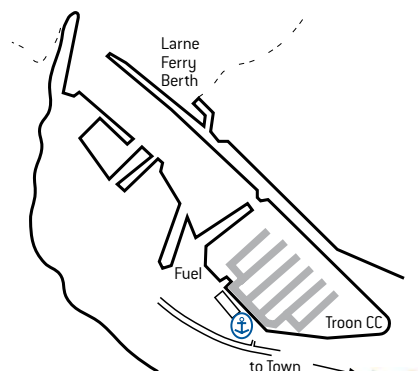


This traditional harbour is used by a mixture of fishing and pleasure vessels. Visitors raft on pontoons or the wooden screen jetty along with local yachts. The town has a good range of shops, pubs, restaurants etc, and a rail connection to Glasgow and Stranraer. It is recommend that visitors call the mobile number prior to arrival. Harbour channel depth is usually 1m plus chart datum: ie 3m of water at half tide, and is not usually dredged to 2.6 metres + chart datum as shown on charts. Entrance not recommended 2 hours either side of low water when there is possibly less than 2 metres at the bar.

South Ayrshire Council
 Phone: 01465 713648 / 07768 99329
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 Website: none
 VHF: channel 12 (office hours)



TROON

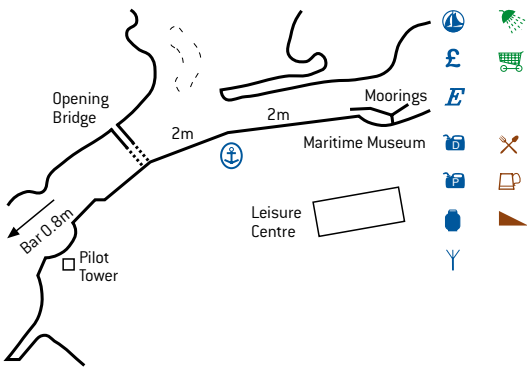


A 400 berth fully serviced marina boasting some of the finest facilities in the country, including an award winning bar & restaurant, and a luxurious new toilet and shower area. Located close to the town centre of Troon with its large variety of shops and outstanding quality of restaurants, Troon Yacht Haven is the first major port of call upon entering the Clyde. The marina is less than 10 minutes from Glasgow Prestwick Airport, has excellent road and rail links with Glasgow and the south, as well as a fast summer ferry service to Northern Ireland – Troon is without doubt the most accessible marina in Scotland!

Troon Yacht Haven
 Phone: 01292 315553
 E-mail: troon@yachthavens.com
 Website: www.yachthavens.com
 VHF: 80 & 37



IRVINE



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Irvine offers numerous cafes, pubs and restaurants both in town and at the harbour area, including The Ship Inn licensed in 1754 and serving award winning pub food.

Within easy walking distance are the Magnum Leisure Centre, the Irvine Beach Park and the Scottish Maritime Museum.

The Harbour is not manned full time but the Duty Harbourmaster can be contacted on the numbers provided.

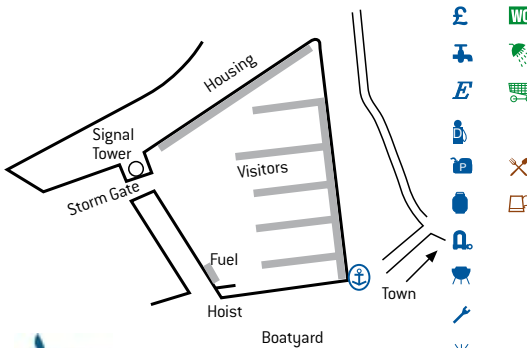
The pontoons have limited visitor space available for day visits and overnight stops. Pay at Ship Inn. Moorings are for resident boats only.

The charted depth at the entrance bar varies seasonally and annually, care should be taken in on-shore winds in excess of F4.

Irvine Harbour Company
 Duty Harbourmaster: 01294 314050 / 07958 500953
 Scottish Maritime Museum: 01294 278283
 Irvine Watersports Club: 01294 274981
 Website: www.irvineharbour.com



ARDROSSAN



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Clyde Marina was developed in a sheltered deep water traditional harbour and now provides 285 full service pontoon berths. Minimum draft at low water is 4.5m. The boatyard has all facilities and a 50 ton hoist, plus special winter storage rates and we supply the steel cradles! Cecchini's Bistro Restaurant is adjacent with a warm reception for yachtsmen.

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Clyde Marina is home of Sunbird International Yacht Sales, brokers and distributors of Beneteau yachts. Cruise the Clyde and West Coast from this well located, professional and friendly marina.

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Welcome Ashore

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There's a huge range of visitor attractions too, reflecting everything from the area's maritime and Viking heritage, to distilleries, castles and country parks. For more information on North Ayrshire attractions, including events and festivals, please visit www.setsail-northayrshire.co.uk/visitors





Sailing Suggestions

One night stop-over

- Day 1** Leaving from Largs, cruise round the Kyles of Bute to arrive at Lochranza on the Isle of Arran
- Day 2** Sail from Lochranza over to the Cumbraes for a stop-off onshore before heading back to Largs

Two night stay

- Day 1** Leaving from Largs, cruise down the North Ayrshire coast to Ardrossan
- Day 2** Cross over the Firth of Clyde to Brodick, the main town on the Isle of Arran
- Day 3** Return home from Brodick to Largs

Three night cruise 1

- Day 1** Sail from Ardrossan over to Brodick on the Isle of Arran
- Day 2** Venture over to Campbeltown on the Mull of Kintyre
- Day 3** Sail up the Kilbrannan Sound to arrive at Lochranza on the Isle of Arran
- Day 4** From Lochranza sail back to Ardrossan

Three night cruise 2

- Day 1** Sail from Ardrossan to the Isles of Cumbrae
- Day 2** Cruise over to Lochranza on the Isle of Arran
- Day 3** From Lochranza sail round the island to Lamlash
- Day 4** Return home to Ardrossan

For more information on these itineraries and locations visit www.setsail-northayrshire.co.uk/visitors

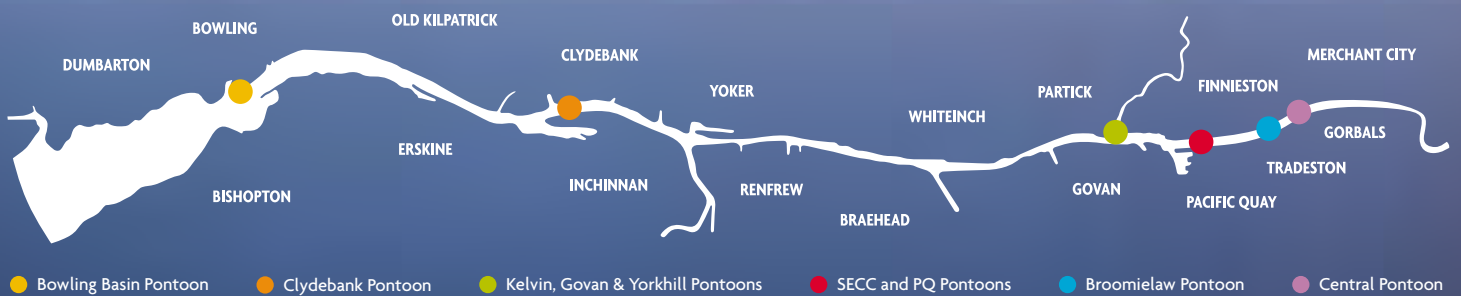


Welcome to Clyde Waterfront

Just as “Clydebuilt” is synonymous with the Clyde’s past, so Clyde Waterfront’s regeneration symbolises its future.



PONTOONS ON THE CLYDE



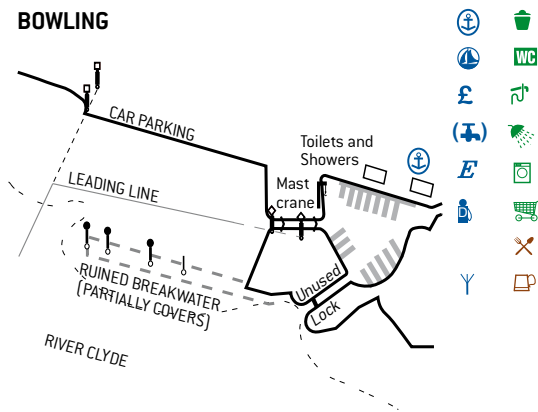
For further info please see Firth of Clyde Marine Leisure Guide at www.clydeport.co.uk

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BOWLING



This attractive, historic basin is at the western end of the Forth & Clyde Canal, where it meets the River Clyde. The sea lock and canal dimensions are: length 20.47m; beam 6.35m; depth 1.83m and air draft 3.00m. Access is at 2 hours either side of HW, or as advised.

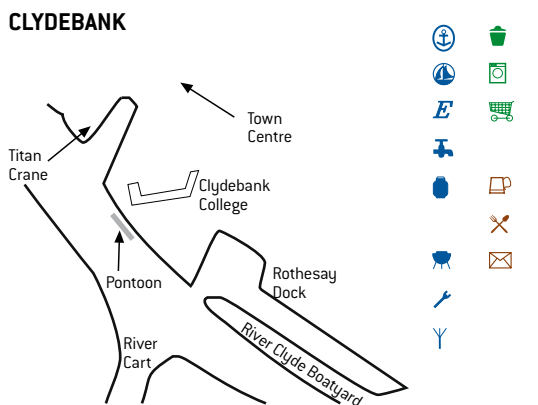
The basin and its surroundings have been completely refurbished, and now offer good shore amenities, pontoon berths, a de-masting crane for boats transiting the waterway, and convenient transport links. Car parking and landscaped surroundings complete the picture. Bowling has several shops and pubs.

More details of Bowling Basin and the Forth & Clyde Canal can be obtained by downloading the Skipper's Guide from the Scottish Canals website, see above.

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 Tel: Bowling Sea Lock 01389 877969
 BWS Canal Office 0141 332 6936
 E-mail: enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk
 Website: www.scottishcanals.co.uk
 VHF: Ch 16/74 "Bowling Basin" during sealock opening hours 2h-HW-2h only.



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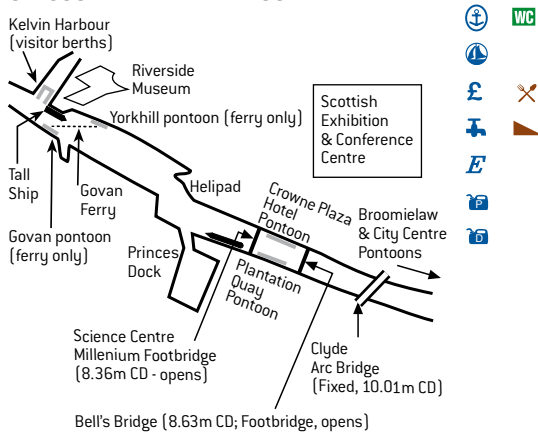


The Clydebank pontoon is at Queens Quay, immediately in front of Clydebank College, the Titan Enterprise Pavilion and the Titan Crane's visitor centre (call 0141 952 3771 for opening times). This new pontoon ensures easy shore access for visiting craft not just to these adjacent facilities but also to the centre of Clydebank with its railway and bus stations, and Clyde shopping centre nearby. It also provides a docking point for summer sightseeing cruises and potential waterbus services from Glasgow and Renfrew as well as some overnight mooring facilities for small private craft. Use of the pontoon is on a 'first come first served' basis and Clydebuilt Re-built should be contacted when planning to visit.

Contact for visiting yachts: Donna Leitch at Clydebank Re-built
 Tel: 0141 951 3420
 E-Mail: Front.Desk@clydebankrebuilt.co.uk
 Website: http://www.clydebankrebuilt.co.uk



GLASGOW – KELVIN HARBOUR



Kelvin Harbour provides a berth with 24 hour secured access in Glasgow's West End, alongside the Riverside Museum of Transport and The Tall Ship. The SECC, Glasgow Science Centre, Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery, and Glasgow University's Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery are all within walking distance, as are the pubs and restaurants of the city's West End.

During opening hours toilet facilities are available in the museum, buses run to the West End and City Centre, and a cross-river ferry gives access to the bus and subway interchange at Govan and direct subway access to Duncan Yacht Chandlers.

For navigation and berthing information upstream of the R. Kelvin consult the Clydeport Marine Leisure Guide, or the Clyde Cruising Club's Sailing Directions.

Berthing contact:
 Ship Manager at The Tall Ship: 0141 357 3699

Clydeport (For VTS): 01475 726221 (H24)
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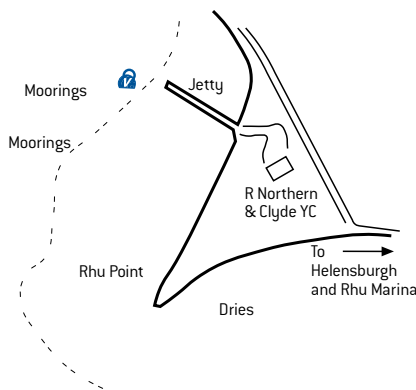


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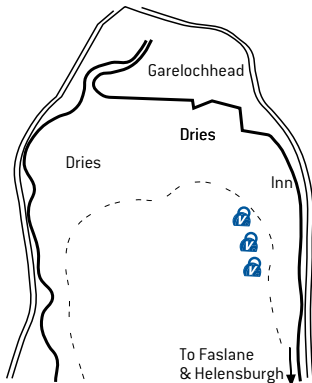


This clubhouse is in a listed building in beautiful setting on Rhu spit. The Club moorings are accessed from the Club jetty, north of Rhu spit. Launch service on demand from 0900 to sunset every day from end of April to beginning of September – reduced hours earlier and later in season. Visitors are welcome to use the Clubhouse and bar and bar lunches are available every day – sailing suppers on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and evening dining on Fridays. Group visits, for musters etc. are welcome by prior arrangement and catering can be arranged for this type of function.

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Website: www.rncyc.com
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GARELOCHHEAD



Garelochhead is a small village at the head of the Gareloch which has a pub, cafe, chinese & indian takeaways, pharmacy, several shops and post office. WC & showers at Inn. There are walks ashore and the Three Lochs Way goes through the upper part of the village. There is a train station and a half hourly bus service to Helensburgh. All the facilities are just a short walk from the shore on the east side of the loch. Although a lot of sailors are apprehensive about the Faslane Naval Base there is nothing to fear so long as you within 150 yards of the west side of the loch, ie west of the prohibited area marked on all charts. Once north of the naval base head across to the east side of the loch and the visitor moorings are located very close to the shore on the east side.

Contact: The Anchor Inn
Tel: 01436 810404
Email: theanchorinn@live.co.uk
Website: www.theanchorinn Garelochhead.co.uk



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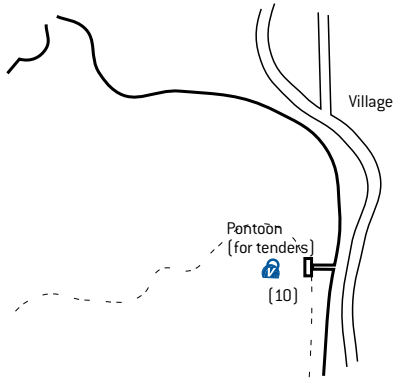
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LOCHGOILHEAD



Lochgoilhead has sheltered moorings at the head of Loch Goil, an arm of Loch Long. These are located at the North East corner of the Loch, just off the pontoon for landing of tenders.

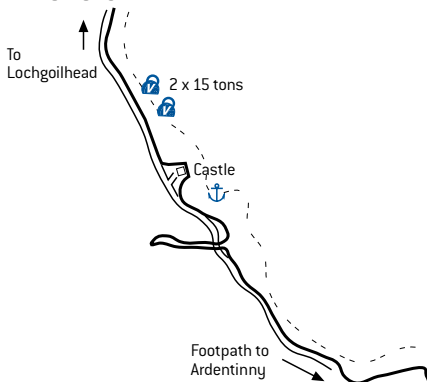
The Lochgoilhead area is rich in things to offer the visitor. Within the village there are shops, a post office, hotels, restaurants and a golf course and health club offering swimming, suana, and gymnasium facilities.

There are two restaurants, bars, and shops within five minutes walk. Gas is available [at PO], and water and public toilets are situated in the village. Diesel and water can be obtained from Lochgoil Cruisers, across the loch.

Lochgoilhead Jetty Trust
Phone: 01301 703432
E-mail: cuthbertson367@btinternet.com
Website: www.lochgoil.co.uk



CARRICK CASTLE



Yachts and other boats up to 15 tonnes visiting Carrick Castle can use the blue visitor's mooring buoys with yellow pick-up buoys, one cable north of the castle, serviced annually. Please note these pick up buoys are removed over the winter months.

The visitor's mooring charge is £10.00 per night that can be paid for by using PayPal at www.pay-mooring.co.uk. There is free Wi-Fi available at the moorings or if no computer on board payment should be made within 14 days of use. Lunchtime stopovers are free between 1100 & 1400 only. Do not use any private moorings.

There is lots of information on the Carrick Castle Boat Club website, including directions for and photographs of several walks, and a lot more besides. You can access this information by WiFi from your boat.

Contact for visiting yachts:
Jim Graham, Moorings Officer
Telephone: 01301 703709
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Website: www.carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk



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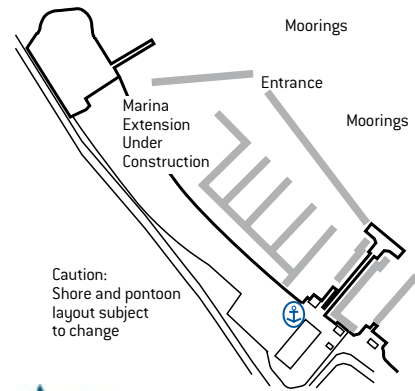
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HOLY LOCH



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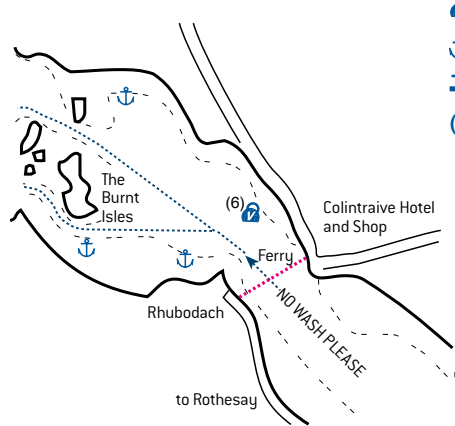
The marina offers ample facilities for yachts and boats and their crew, both at the marina and nearby. Holy Loch Marina is situated in Sandbank, near Dunoon, amongst beautiful scenery in a relaxing, established holiday area, and offers all the sailing and yachting facilities you would expect to find in a first class marina.

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COLINTRAIVE



The Colintraive Hotel welcomes all sailors to its moorings, and is open all year providing some of the best food and local produce in the area.

The restaurant is elegant, the bar is cosy with a log fire, and sells real ale and good malts. Bar meals and restaurant meals are available every day for lunch and dinner, and feature fresh produce such as local langoustines, hand dived scallops, Isle of Bute lamb and local venison.

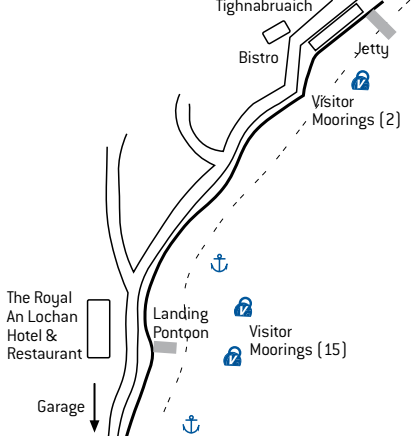
The hotel is very popular and therefore it is best to book a table in advance.

The village shop next door sells home baked bread, fresh dairy products, and newspapers, to name but a few. A shower room is available.

Colintraive Hotel & Village Shop
Phone: 01700 841207
Contact: Patricia Watt
E-mail: enquiries@colintraivehotel.com
Website www.colintraivehotel.com:



TIGNABRUAICH



Tighnabruaich has a bistro, a hotel and bar, provisions store, post office, arts and crafts gallery, bank, and a café. There is a good dinghy landing jetty beside the RNLI boathouse.

Burnside Bistro is licenced, has bedrooms, and also offers two visitor moorings immediately off the village for the use of clients.

Just south of the village The Royal An Lochan, now under new ownership, provides 15 moorings for patrons and a dinghy landing place opposite the hotel. Its restaurants offer fresh seafood and game, fine wines, and the lively Shinty Bar is a popular watering hole.

Burnside Bistro: 01700 800739
The Royal An Lochan: 01700 811239
E-mail: info@burnsidebistro.co.uk
info@theroyalanlochan.co.uk
Websites: www.burnsidebistro.co.uk
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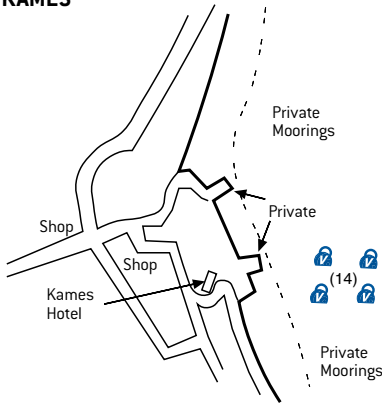
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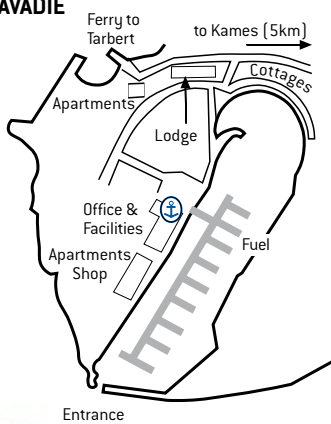
Kames Hotel offers a warm highland welcome, and is fully in tune with yachtsmen's needs with three bars and an outside seating area, lots of malt whiskies and real ales.

The owners serve good honest food and drink, with an emphasis on local seafood and game. The 9 bedrooms have stunning views of the Kyles. There is a gentle beach for landing outside the hotel, where you can safely leave your dinghy whilst enjoying a meal and a few drinks whilst overlooking your boat on one of the visitor moorings. Further south, Carry Farm is the home of Tighnabruaich Sailing School, and operates a weekend tearoom and craft shop. The anchorage is sheltered, and water, showers etc are available.

The Kames Hotel
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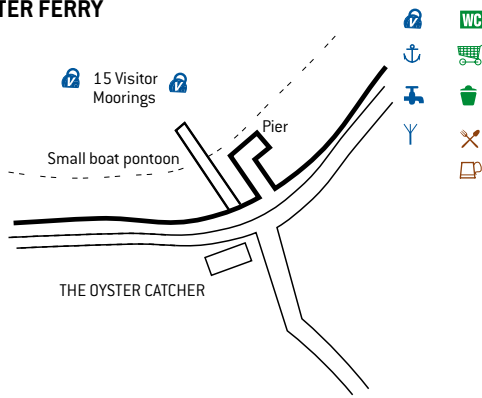
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OTTER FERRY



Otter Ferry is located on the East Shore of Loch Fyne, just north of Otter Spit. The Oystercatcher is a pub and restaurant right on the beach with an amazing beer garden overlooking the visitor moorings and pontoon. It is under new management by a keen yachtsman, so The Oystercatcher welcomes all boats and provide facilities suited to boating visitors.

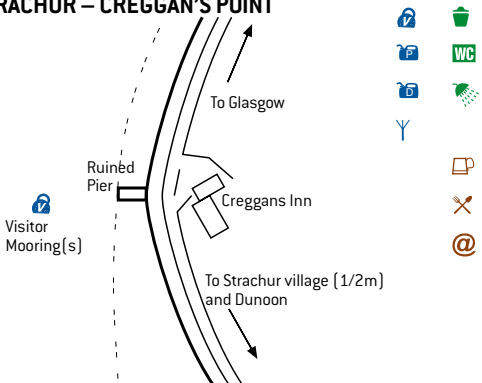
A fabulous pontoon offers easy access by tender or small boat at all states of the tide. There are 7 swinging visitor moorings and free wireless internet to the moorings.

The Oystercatcher offers a free pickup service to visiting yachts by prior arrangement.

The Oystercatcher
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Website: www.theoystercatcher.co.uk



STRACHUR – CREGGAN'S POINT



The famous Creggans Inn is an award winning family run hotel at Strachur on the east shore of Loch Fyne.

The hotel boasts two dining options; MacPhunn's Bar & Restaurant where you can enjoy an extensive bistro style menu which features the freshest locally sourced produce, and for an extra special dining experience, the award-winning 2AA Rosette Loch Fyne Dining Room is a must! The very best seasonal ingredients are carefully chosen and presented with precision and flair on a daily changing table d'hote menu. Booking for meals advised.

The charming MacPhunn's bar is well stocked with Fyne Ales, quality wines and great range of malt whiskies.

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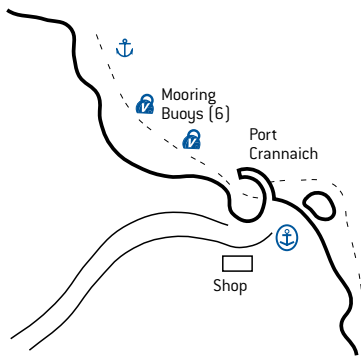
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Carradale now offers visitor moorings immediately north of the harbour.

The village has three excellent hotels with restaurant facilities, a shop, bakery and a post office. Carradale Golf Club has clubs and trolleys available to hire and the Carradale Hotel always welcomes visiting yachtsmen providing free wifi as well as showers and laundry facilities.

The harbour quay is used by boats from the nearby fish farm but laying alongside can be arranged locally or else anchor to the north of the harbour in Port na Cùile.

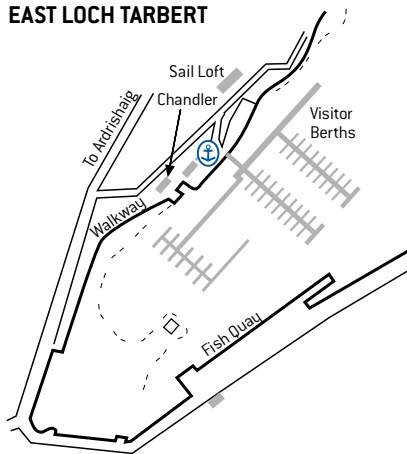
Carradale Bay and Torrisdale Bay around the point are also good anchorages within easy walking distance.

Contact: Pier Operative Matt Macmillan
Tel: 01583 431316
Harbourmaster (in Campbeltown) Stephen Scally
Tel: 01586 552552
Carradale Hotel: 01583 431223



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Tarbert is a picturesque fishing village with a wide variety of places to eat, drink and shop. The remains of Tarbert Castle, which is illuminated at night, overlook the village.

90 fully serviced finger pontoons enables Tarbert to offer over 120 visitor berths & resident berthing. A 24 hour free toilet and shower facility is available. Group visits are welcome. Group and larger vessels (over 50 feet) can reserve berths in advance. Berthing fees are levied on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Credit card payments are accepted. There is plenty to see and do in the area and the Harbour's own amenity area provides picnic tables and seating, barbecues, a boules area and an outdoor fitness gym.

Please telephone the Harbour Office on 01880 820344 for any advice on your visit to Tarbert.

Contact: Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority
Depth (LW): 3.5m
Tel: 01880 820344
Website: www.tarbertharbour.co.uk
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The Anchor Hotel, Tarbert

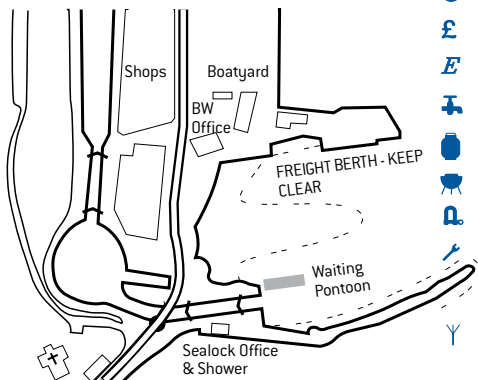


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ARDRISHAIG



The Crinan Canal starts near the pretty and bustling town of Ardrishaig, which is situated on the beautiful shores of Loch Fyne.

The canal is one of Scotland's picturesque waterways, known to sailors the world over for its spectacular surrounding countryside and friendly lock keepers.

The Canal Office is situated in Pier Square, a few yards from the sea-lock, from where the main street stretches north.

Ardrishaig offers various places to eat and drink, and shops include a co-op grocery store and a post office.

There is lots to see and do in the area. More information can be obtained, and a Skipper's Guide downloaded, by visiting the Scottish Canals website or by contacting the Canal Office, see above.

Contact: British Waterways Scotland
 Tel: Ardrishaig Sea Lock 01546 602458
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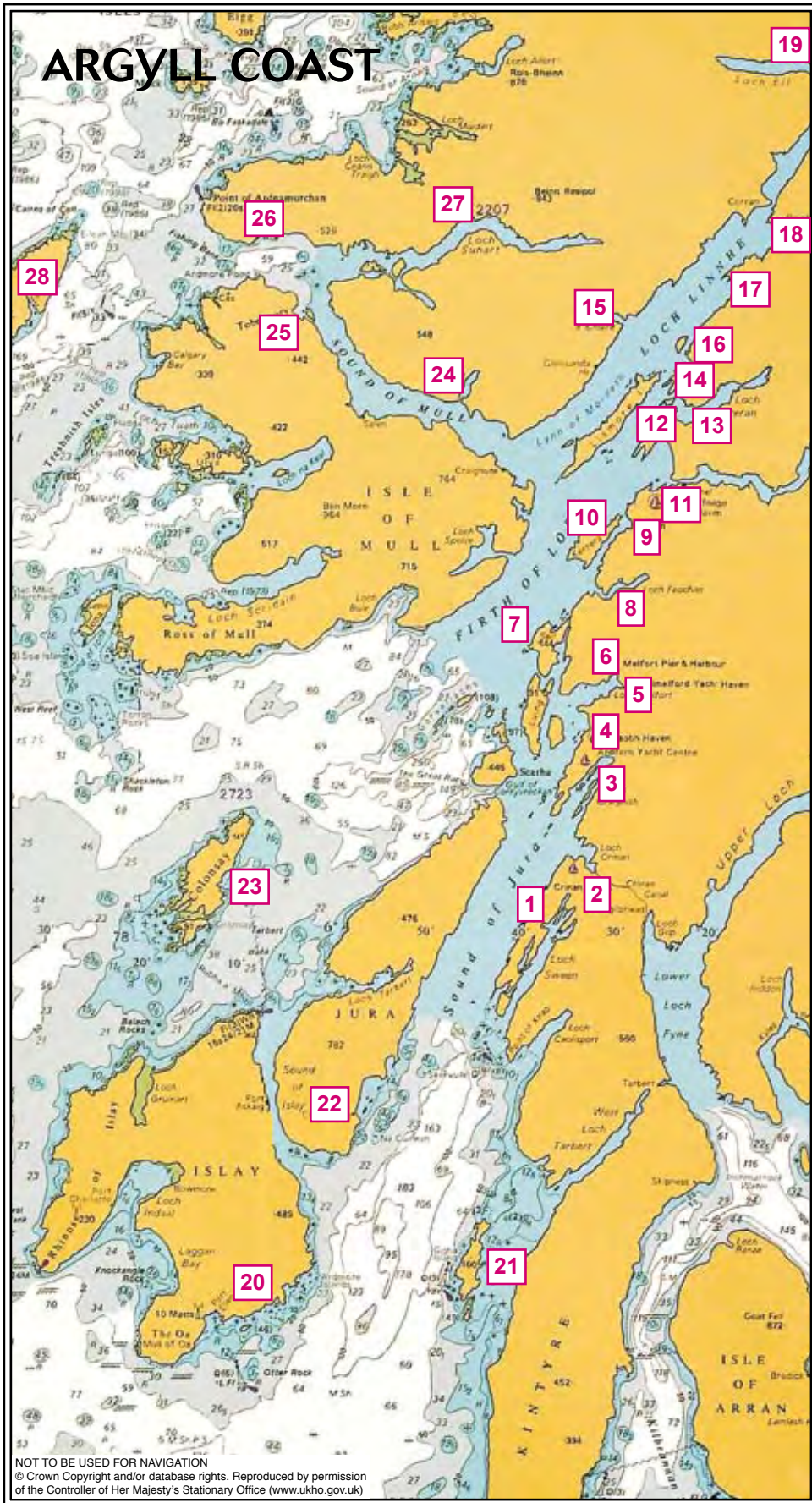
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WEST COAST



THE STRETCH OF COAST from the Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point is the heartland of Scottish cruising, and for decades has been the focus of ambition for all cruising novices. In days gone by it was a serious challenge; cruising in engineless yachts, or ones with unreliable power units, was difficult amongst the tides and variable winds of the Inner Isles, not to mention the transit of the Crinan Canal.

Fortunately the way had been blazed for centuries by coastal traders, warships and fishermen who threaded their way among the islands, which was easier than trekking over moorland tracks amongst possibly hostile natives! These were the west highland highways since man first arrived many millennia ago, for even remote St Kilda had been home to humans for more than 4,000 years. The Scotti crossed the North Channel from Ulster to Kintyre to found the kingdom of Dalriada in late Roman times and displace or absorb the native Picts.

The rest, one might say, is history!

Increasing coastal commerce led to the Crinan Canal being built over 200 years ago, created to open up the West Coast and improve access to the Western Isles. It offered a safer route from the Firth of Clyde to the west coast, avoiding the often difficult sail around the Mull of Kintyre and cutting over 100 miles off the journey. The canal opened in 1809. However busy it was in the days before road transport, its commercial success was never in doubt: it never made a penny profit! Today it is maintained by British Waterways as part of Scotland's historic infrastructure, and is a wonderful asset for recreational sailors.



Top: Cuan Sound is just one of the West Coast's interesting tidal gates.

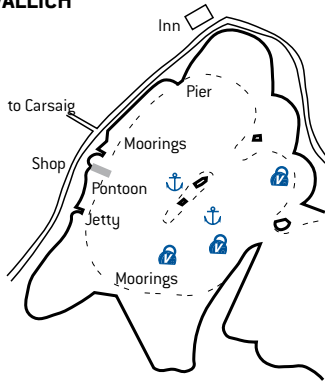
Above: Fladda Light House, Sound of Luig.

Below: A quiet morning in Loch Spelve.

Text from **Cruising Scotland**, courtesy of Clyde Cruising Club



TAYVALLICH



Apart from 3 marked visitor moorings Tayvallich moorings [approx positions shown] are all privately owned. The chartlet shows the three areas where visiting yachts can anchor. Please do not pick up private moorings on arrival.

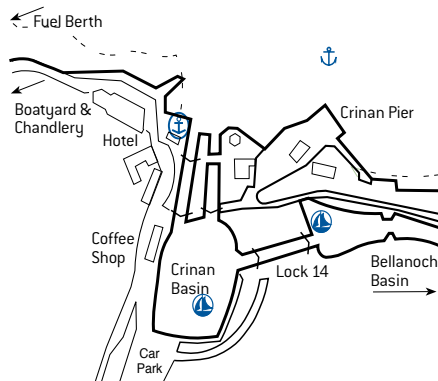
There is a short stay pontoon with water supply at which visiting yachts can lie alongside for up to two hours. Avoid the berth marked in yellow which is reserved for the fast ferry which runs to Craighouse, Jura.

Tayvallich has a shop, post office and coffee shop, with toilets and a shower for visiting yachtsmen and women. The Inn is popular for a good meal. Tayvallich Bay is known as a safe and picturesque anchorage for visiting yachts and motor cruisers.

Moorings etc: Tayvallich Bay Association
 Web: www.tayvallich.com
 Shop / coffee shop: 01546 870281
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CRINAN



Crinan is one of the west coast's best known havens, thanks to the popularity of the Crinan Canal as a short cut from the west coast to the Clyde. The sea-lock is open 7 days in high season.

Apart from the total shelter offered by the basin and a good anchorage outside, Crinan has a hotel with a bar and coffee shop, and a boatyard offering the full range of boating services from repairs to moorings to fuel, chandlery, and more.

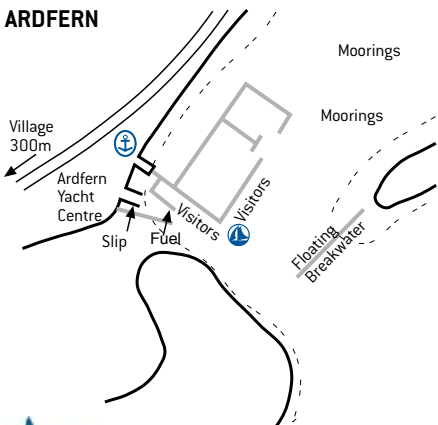
The area abounds in interesting walks, either along the canal, or on the forestry trails to the south. More information can be obtained, and a Skipper's Guide downloaded, by visiting the Scottish Canals website, or by contacting the Canal Office, see above.

There are 39 long-term berths at Bellanoch Basin, with shore facilities.

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 Canal Office: 01546 603210
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enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk
 VHF Ch 74 (16), Crinan Sea Lock
 Website: www.scottishcanals.co.uk



ARDFERN



The village of Ardfern has an excellent provisions store and a choice of eating places. Horse riding, cycling, walking and golf are all available locally. At the Yacht Centre there are pontoon berths and swinging moorings. Shore facilities include toilets, showers, laundry and an ice machine.

Ardfern has one of the best stocked chandleries in Scotland, and there are listings of a wide range of yachts and motor vessels in the brokerage service.

There are slipping facilities for craft up to 40 tons, and boat building expertise includes interior refits, teak deck repairs, osmosis protection and rectification, re-planking and polyurethane painting, engineering and rigging.

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Crinan Hotel

Crinan Hotel is a 20 bedroom hotel located at the end of the Crinan Canal on the edge of Loch Crinan in Argyll. For over 200 years the centre of this community has been the Crinan Hotel. Our Coffee Shop, Seafood Bar and Pub are meeting points for Hebridean sailors, fishermen, yachtsmen, holiday makers and above all, lovers of seafood and the best of Scottish produce.



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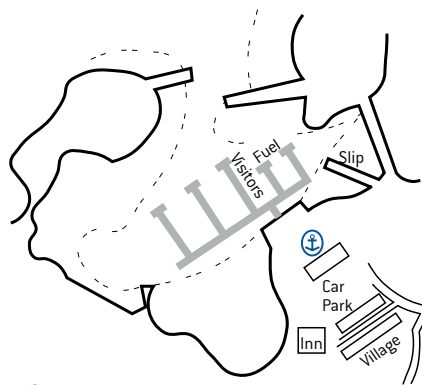
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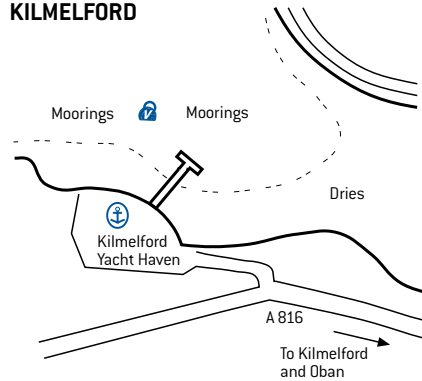


Craobh Marina is situated on the West Coast within a couple of hours of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Craobh was formed by linking three islands which created a very sheltered haven providing a central point for all that is worth exploring on the West Coast: Oban, Mull, Coll, Tiree and Skye to the north and Crinan, Tayvallich, Jura, Islay and Gigha to the south, are all within easy cruising distance. There is easy access to the Crinan and Caledonian Canals leading to the Northern Isles and Scandinavia, or Loch Fyne and the Firth of Clyde. There is a village store and a pub with restaurant. If you want a break from sailing there is walking, cycling and horse riding plus many places of interest to visit in the area.

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 E-mail: craobhmarina@talk21.com
 Website: www.craobhmarina.co.uk
 VHF: channel 37 & 80
 Craobh Village Store: 01852 500663
 Lord of the Isles (Pub): 01852 500658



KILMELFORD



Kilmelford Yacht Haven is at the sheltered head of Loch Melfort. There are 55 heavy-duty swinging moorings up to 60 tonnes capacity and 6 alongside berths for short stay and loading/unloading. KYH can always find a mooring or a berth alongside the pontoon for visitors. Diesel and water are available at the pontoons along with yard dinghies to help you get out to your boat. Ashore is a secure dinghy and outboard compound, shower, toilet, laundry and payphone facilities. We cover all kinds of repairs and maintenance, and our 20 tonnes and 4.65m beam boat hoist can lift and store boats for the winter. Just 15 minutes walk away is Kilmelford village with the Cuilfail Hotel and also a well-stocked post office/shop/tea room.

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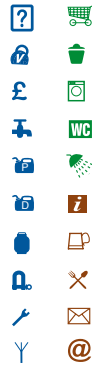
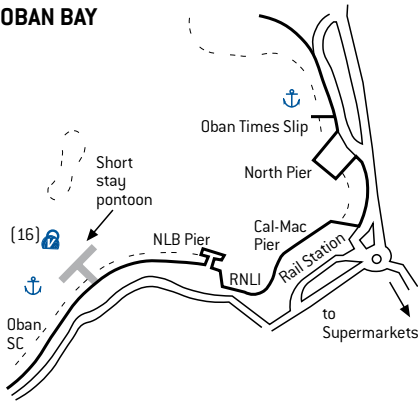


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Oban Bay Community Berthing operates 16 visitor moorings N of Oban Sailing Club, SE of the S Geir Rathaid buoy, and manages the adjacent small short stay landing stage - fees payable. Here you can step ashore, change crew, take on water and provisions, and land by dinghy. Oban lies at the heart of Scotland's finest cruising grounds, and offers the major facilities sailing visitors need: shops, chandlery, restaurants, banks, transport links, marine engineers, fuel - all a short walk from the landing stage. Moorings are available on a first-come-first-served basis - £15 night; £75 week; £5 for 4 hours before 1600hrs. Deposit payments directly into the yellow honesty box on the landing stage.

Oban Bay Community Berthing
Phone: 07810 880315
E-mail: obanbayberthing@gmail.com
Website: www.obanbayberthing.co.uk
Visitor moorings: 3 x rows. For 10m, 11m, and 12m vessel size, from the shore.



OBAN MARINA



With upgraded facilities and a programme of continual expansion and development, all of Oban Marina is accessible at all tides. Located on the Isle of Kerrera, Oban is easily reached by complimentary ferry shuttle and its unique position provides a safe and secure full service haven for boat owners. Facilities: 7 Visitors moorings (yellow up to 20t, orange up to 50t); Visitors berths 40; Pontoon berths 130; Daily visitor pontoon £2.25 per metre; Electricity £1.50 per day; Showers free of charge; Shop, basic provisions only. The Waypoint Bar & Grill provides the freshest of local seafood and visitors can enjoy the wildlife, great walks or other outdoor activities in the midst of one of the world's most outstanding cruising grounds.

Oban Marina
Phone: 01631 565333
E-mail: info@obanmarina.com
Website: www.obanmarina.com
VHF: Ch 80



THE BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT

KINGAIRLOCH, ARDGOUR, FORT WILLIAM PH33 7AE



Dining at The Boathouse Restaurant is a must for those sailing the West Coast of Scotland. Located on the Kingairloch Estate at the head of Loch a'Choire it is one of the most picturesque places to moor up or drop anchor.

Menus feature venison from the hills of Kingairloch, home reared pork, seafood from local waters plus vegetables, salads and fruit grown in the estate's walled garden.

Visit the website for sample menus and to find out more about the estate.

To avoid disappointment, please book ahead.

Opening Times

April - October
Thursday - Saturday 11am - 9pm
Sunday 11am - 3pm

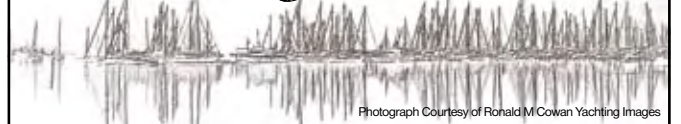
Reservations

01967 411 232
info@kingairloch.co.uk
www.kingairloch.co.uk

Six free visitor moorings
56°36.971N 05°30.947W



Dunstaffnage Marina



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For Berthing & General Enquiries Tel: 08456 404050 or 01631 566555

For Marine Engineering, GRP &
All Other Types of Repairs Tel: 01631 562 595

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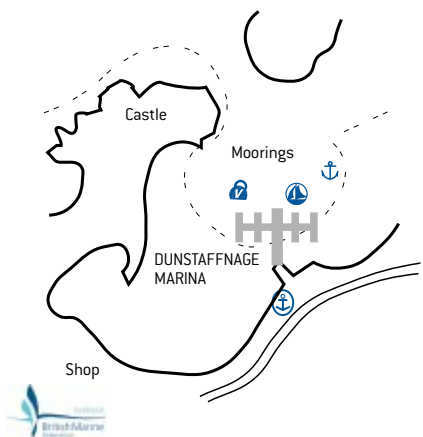
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For information contact Martin Waterhouse
Barcaldine Marine, Barcaldine, Oban, PA37 1SE
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e-mail: moorings@barcaldinemarine.co.uk
www.barcaldinemarine.co.uk

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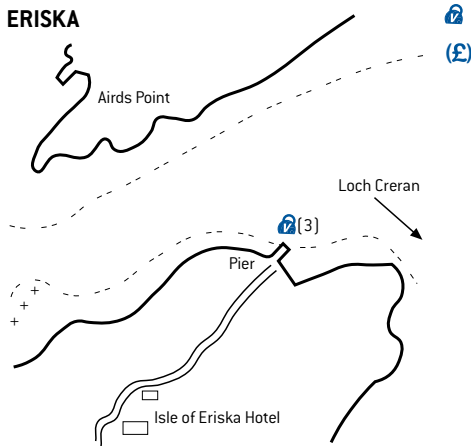


Dunstaffnage Marina has 150 fully serviced berths for yachts or motor vessels up to 25m loa. Here at Dunstaffnage there's a good link to the bus and rail network; if you need to leave your boat with complete confidence look no further. Visitor attractions in the area include The Sealife Centre, Taynuilt Iron Furnace, Inverawe Smokery and Cruachan Power Station (the Hollow Mountain). Our nearest shop has a full range of goods on sale. Oban is only two miles south and can be reached hourly by bus or anytime by taxi, where you'll find the usual town retail outlets. The famous Wide Mouthed Frog Restaurant, Bar and Hotel are open throughout the year, from breakfast till late.

Dunstaffnage Marina
Phone: 08456 404050
E-mail: info@dunstaffnagemarina.com
Website: www.dunstaffnagemarina.co.uk
VHF: 37 (M1), 0830-2000



ERISKA

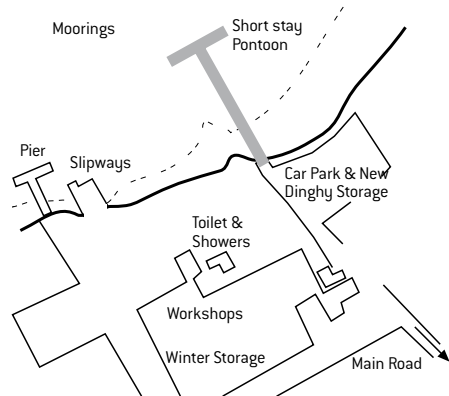


Eriska is a 300 acre private island and home to the 5 star Isle of Eriska Hotel, which is open for dinner to visiting yachtsmen. There are three moorings with a pier for access and transport to the hotel can be arranged by telephone. Yacht crews mooring at Eriska are welcome to use the following facilities:
Dine in the main hotel between 7:30pm and 9:00pm each evening - £44 per person (may change for 2012).
Have complimentary showers in our Spa before 7:30pm if having dinner at the hotel.
Enjoy ESPA Spa treatments.
Play the 9 hole golf course and use the driving range.
Enjoy lunch if playing golf, using the driving range or spending over £50 per person in the Spa.

Isle of Eriska Hotel
Tel: 01631 720371
E-mail: office@eriska-hotel.co.uk
Website: www.eriska-hotel.co.uk



BARCALDINE



Barcaldine Marine, at the Marine Resource Centre at Barcaldine, provides cruising yacht facilities which include 50 swinging moorings, and a pontoon for storing and crew access. Shore facilities include toilets and showers, waterside car parking, and secure dinghy and outboard storage. Water is available alongside the pontoon. Loch Creran is one of the most accessible locations on the coast. It is just under 100 miles from Glasgow, 120 from Edinburgh, and less than 200 from Carlisle. Cross the Connel Bridge as you approach Oban, and Barcaldine is 6 miles away. This is an excellent base for West Coast cruising, which has undercover winter storage for around 100 craft, and a variety of commercial marine services.

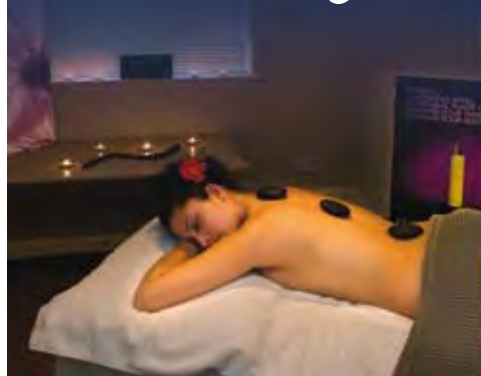
Barcaldine Marine
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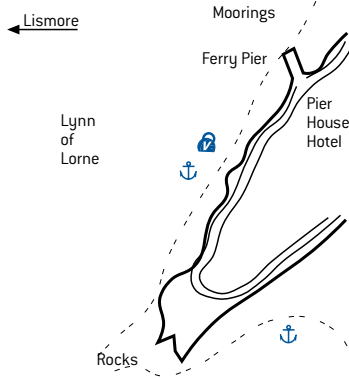
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office@eriska-hotel.co.uk
www.eriska-hotel.co.uk

PORT APPIN



Situated in one of Argyll's most spectacular destinations on Loch Linnhe, just 10 miles by sea (20 by road) north of Oban, the 7 Pierhouse Hotel Moorings (max capacity 20 tonnes) offer inner & outer lines at 3 metres & 5 metres depth respectively at low water.

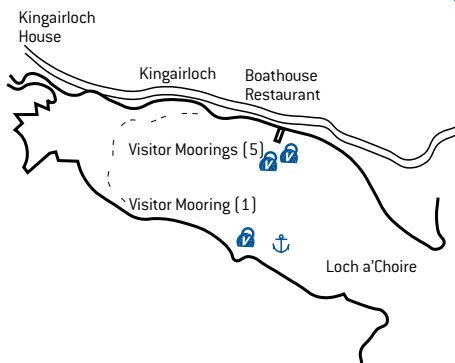
The nearby concrete ferry jetty provides shelter for landing on the northern side. Marine visitor facilities include sauna, shower and laundry facilities.

The Pierhouse Hotel is renowned for its award-winning restaurant (AA Rosette) serving fresh local seafood, meat & game, daily lunch and bar dinner menus, as well as home baking and teas/coffees. Breakfast is available in the hotel to non-residents. The Pierhouse Hotel holds the Scottish Romantic Restaurant of the Year Award.

The Pierhouse Hotel (Contact: Nicholas Horne)
Phone: 01631 730302 / 730622
E-mail: reservations@pierhousehotel.co.uk
Website: www.pierhousehotel.co.uk



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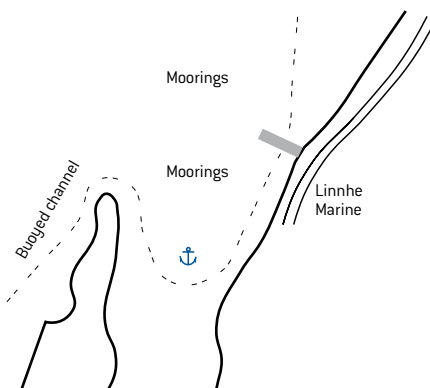
Kingairloch is a beautiful Highland Estate to visit in all seasons.

The Boathouse Restaurant menu features fish and shellfish from local waters, wild venison from the estate, own-reared lamb and pork and also vegetables, salads and fruit grown in the estate's walled garden. Open Thursday-Sunday: April-October, it is advisable to book ahead to reserve your table. Visitors are welcomed to visit the walled garden and also enjoy the series of low level footpaths. Another worthwhile walk is to view the delightful stained glass windows in Kingairloch Church which is situated right on the shore of Camus na Croise Bay.

The Boathouse Restaurant, Kingairloch Estate
Tel: 01967411232
E-mail: enquiries@kingairloch-holidays.co.uk
Website: www.kingairloch.co.uk



DALLENS BAY (Shuna Cove)



Dalles Bay is just north of Lismore Island. The south channel is marked with P/S buoys, and there are 70 swinging moorings for residents and visiting vessels with a water taxi service.

There is a pontoon for water, diesel, petrol and loading, with 30ft depth at all tides. Overnight mooring alongside is only advisable in calm weather. Limited repairs can be carried out by local engineers. There are launch, storage, shower and toilet facilities and there is a day time (closed 6pm) restaurant 600m from the marina. Port Appin [20 mins by sea, 5 mls by road], has a village co-op store, and two restaurants.

This area is a magnificent cruising ground with a wide variety of anchorages and unlimited wild life from seals to sea eagles.

Linnhe Marine
Phone: 07721 503981
E-mail: paulzvegintzov@ukonline.co.uk
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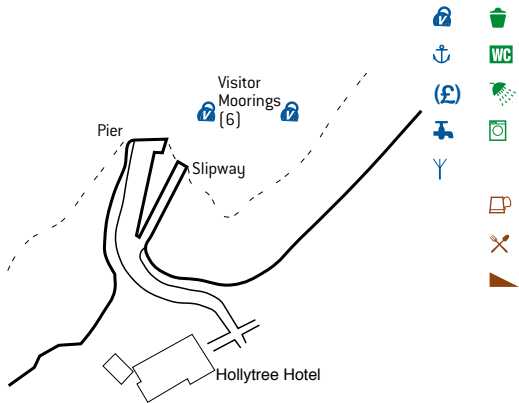
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KENTALLEN



The Village of Kentallen is one of the most scenic on the West Coast. There are six visitors moorings on yellow Hippo buoys, and a slipway for smaller boats to come alongside depending upon tide and also to land from a dinghy.

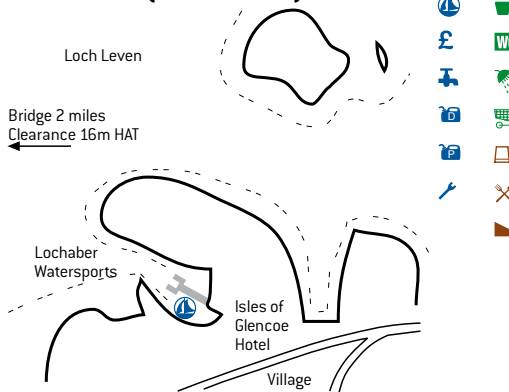
The Hollytree Hotel and Swimming Pool has a fantastic reputation for its freshly prepared food including seafood and grills. It is open all day, every day, for food and drink, served in the Captain's bar. The award winning restaurant is open every night.

There is free use of the swimming pool, sauna and showers for all visiting boat crews. Laundry service available. Kentallen is on the Sustrans shoreline cycle and walking path to Glencoe and there is also a bus stop for the Oban to Inverness service.

Hollytree Hotel (Paul McFatrige)
 Telephone: 01631 740292
 E-mail: stay@hollytreehotel.co.uk
 Website: www.hollytreehotel.co.uk
 VHF: Ch 16



BALLACHULISH (West Harbour)



Visiting yachts are welcome to Lochaber Watersports where a 4 yacht charter fleet, RIB training and trips, and a RYA approved training establishment offering a range of courses are established.

The harbour is 2 miles from Ballachulish Bridge — clearance 16m HAT — on S shore before Glencoe Is. Best to phone in advance for a berth.

Visiting crews have free use of the Isles of Glencoe Hotel's leisure facilities: mooring fee refunded against dinner.

Mini chandlery, general store, hardware and Post Office are close by. Fuel, gas at garage, 1km. Swinging mooring.

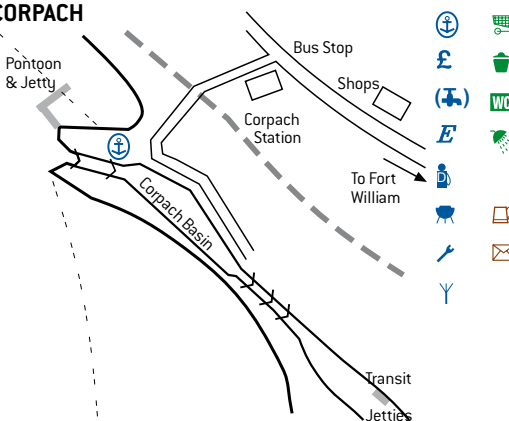
Ballachulish: the perfect base from which to explore beautiful and historic Glencoe, and a peaceful backwater in which to relax and reprovision.

Lochaber Watersports (Alec Blanc)
 Phone: 01855 811931 / 07760 793894
 E-mail: enquiries@lochaberwatersports.co.uk
 Website: www.lochaberwatersports.co.uk
 VHF: Ch 16 72

Isles of Glencoe Hotel: 08448 559134



CORPACH



Corpach is the western terminus of the Caledonian Canal, which links Scotland's east and west coasts, avoiding the difficult passage around the north of mainland Scotland and through the Pentland Firth.

The sea-lock is available HW — 4 hours, within canal operating hours.

The basin does not have permanent mooring facilities, and is usually occupied by craft waiting to leave the canal, or to proceed to the east.

There are shops and other amenities nearby, including the railway from Fort William to Mallaig. More information can be obtained, and a Skipper's Guide downloaded, by visiting the Scottish Canals website, or by contacting the Canal Office, see above.

British Waterways Scotland
 Corpach Sea Lock: 01397 772249
 Canal Office: 01463 725500
 E-mail: enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk
 VHF Ch 74 [16]: Corpach Sea Lock
 Website: www.scottishcanals.co.uk

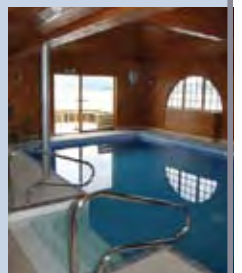


Holly Tree Hotel & Swimming Pool

Sea View Rooms
 Holly Tree Seafood Restaurant

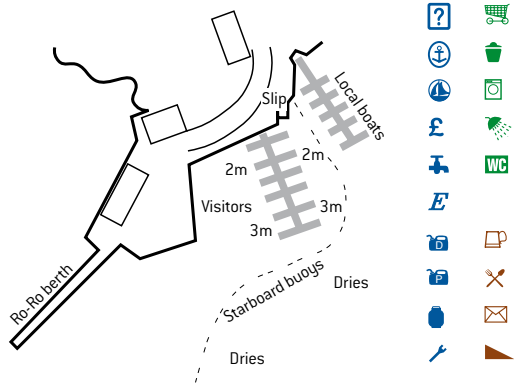
Lochside Hotel, Seafood Restaurant and Swimming Pool
 Ideally situated on the waters edge our Award Winning Hotel and Restaurant is open all year. Locally caught Seafood, bar meals, snacks and refreshments are served all day in the fantastic Seafood Restaurant and Captain's Bar. Visiting boats can enjoy FREE use of the swimming pool and sauna when they enjoy a meal.
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 Kentallen Pier
 By Appin, Argyll
Tel 01631 740292
 E: stay@hollytreehotel.co.uk
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PORT ELLEN

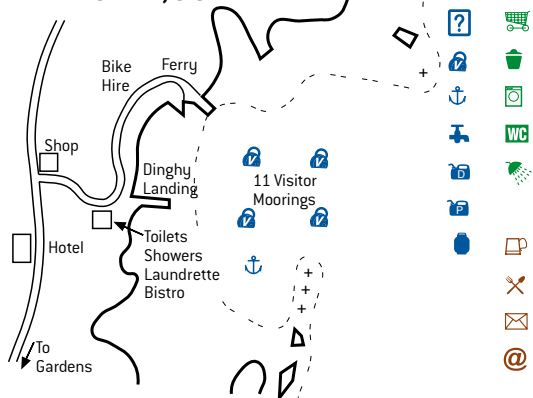


Port Ellen Marina is operated as a "do it yourself" facility, run by a charity and open from April to the end of September. The well maintained pontoons offer a safe haven for those visiting any or all of the seven distinctive distilleries on the island. Scheduled Air and ferry services operates with bus, taxi and cycle hire available in Port Ellen. Many who plan a night stop have to reschedule the cruise as they find the many treasures that Springwatch Islay offers are worth the extra days. There are six pubs and eating places in the Port Ellen area, as well as a butcher, garage, post office and information office. Port Ellen Maltings is only open to visitors during the Islay Malt Whisky Festival, but the other island distilleries are open through the summer.

Port Ellen Harbour Association (Charity)
Tel: no day to day service
Website: www.portellenmarina.com
VHF: None (Clearwater Marine keeps watch during working hours)



ARDMINISH BAY, GIGHA



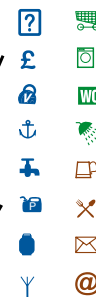
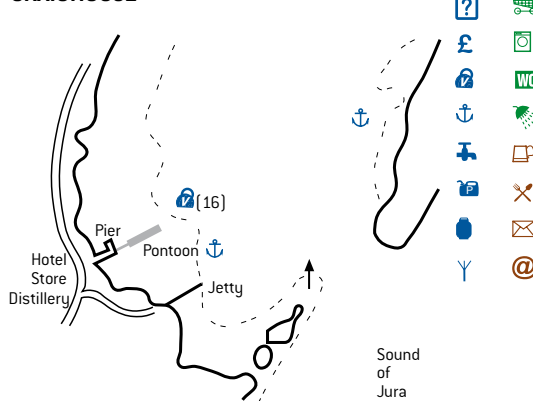
Gigha is the southernmost island of the Inner Hebrides, and because it is low lying and influenced by the North Atlantic Drift the climate is drier and warmer than that normally associated with the west coast of Scotland. The island boasts beautiful bays, stunning views and breathtaking sunsets, lochs and gently sloping hillsides as well as a plentiful variety of wild and birdlife. The climate directly influences the world famous Achamore Gardens – over 50 acres of rare and unusual plants surrounded by picturesque woodland. A nine-hole golf course is just a short stroll from the ferry and hotel. Meals are available at the hotel and the boathouse. Bike hire by the ferry slip. Moorings: please pay the Gigha Heritage Trust £10 per night for the use of visitor moorings. Fuel is not always available.

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust
Phone: 01583 505390
E-mail: admin@gigha.org.uk
Website: www.gigha.org.uk
VHF: No



Douglas Lindsay

CRAIGHOUSE



Craighouse is the population centre of the Island. A new pontoon for dinghy landing (only) has been installed at the pier, and visitor moorings are available at £10 per night. Jura Malt whisky distillery has a visitor centre and shop. Tours are available by arrangement. The Jura Hotel offers snacks, meals or a drink, and has showers available for sailors and campers. Antlers restaurant* is opposite the pier, and is a community owned newly refurbished Bistro Restaurant using local produce. It also has an interpretation display of local life past and present and sells locally made crafts. [* closed autumn 2011, may not have re-opened]

Jura Development Trust
Phone: 01496 820161
Website: www.juradevelopment.co.uk
VHF: No
Jura Hotel: 01496 820243
Jura Stores: 01496 820231



Gigha Hotel

Isle of Gigha, Argyll Tel: 01583 505254

A beautiful and unspoiled Hebridean isle, Gigha offers safe haven in Ardminish Bay with 11 moorings and good anchorage. Take the time to explore Achamore Gardens, just relax or resupply before continuing your journey. A few minutes walk from Ardminish Bay, the Gigha Hotel offers a friendly welcome to all sailors, wireless internet and drying facilities. Bar open all day with food available between 12pm and 8.30pm. Dinner is available in our restaurant between 6pm and 8.30pm. Advance booking is advised. We look forward to seeing you.

Email: hotel@gigha.org.uk

Web: www.gigha.org.uk



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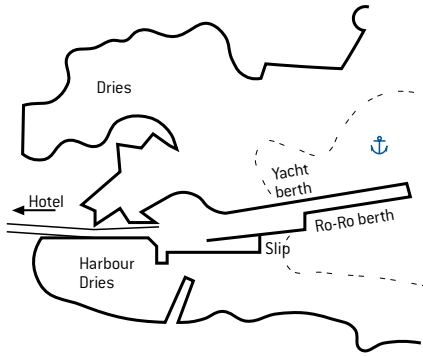
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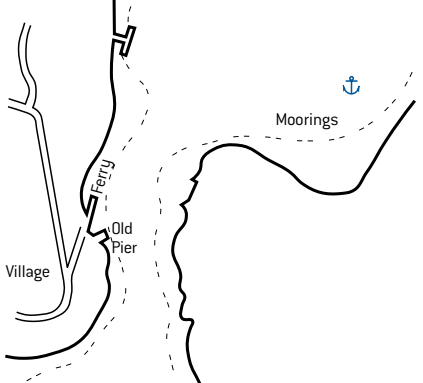


Colonsay is known for Colonsay House and diverse birdlife, including the rare corncrake. Its landscape is beautiful and varied, with some of the finest sandy beaches in the Hebrides. The hotel is near the harbour, and there is a cafe / bakery, and a shop / post office. The airstrip has been upgraded and there are scheduled services from Oban Airport. Colonsay Community Development Company supplies fuel through the Village Store (100m. from harbour). Pier, yacht berths, slipway and harbour all owned by CMAL and honesty system applies - please pay fees at office when open.

Colonsay Harbour Office
Phone: 01951 200320
E-mail: colonsay@calmac.co.uk
Website: www.colonsay.org.uk
The Colonsay Hotel: 01951 200316



LOCHALINE



Lochaline's new fully equipped visitor pontoons provide around 24 visitor berths within walking distance of the village.

The local shop sells unleaded petrol/diesel and a wide range of food and goods. Lochaline has two licensed premises, a hotel serving bar meals, and The White House Restaurant.

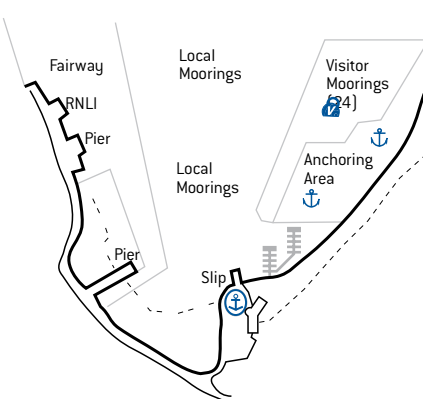
Jean's Snack Bar on the old pier is a favourite haunt for hungry sailors, and the Dive Centre has showers, free wifi, a cafe and a drying room, all open to non residents.

Lochaline is set in stunning scenery. There are some lovely coastal and woodland walks close to the village, and a number of sites of historical interest can be reached with little extra effort. A short walk or sail to the head of Lochaline takes you to the splendid gardens of Ardtornish Estate.

Morvern Community Development Co Ltd
Phone: 01967 421 783
E-mail: admin@morvern.org
Website: www.mcdclochaline.co.uk
White House: 01967 421777
Dive Centre: 01967 421627



TOBERMORY



Tobermory Harbour is "the" West Coast destination! It offers the visitor a range of berthing options including up to 50 berths on the expanded marina. The Harbour Building offers good quality facilities. Tobermory boasts a wide range of restaurants and bars. There are many shops which cater for all needs including a chandlery.

An exceptional choice of shore side facilities all are available on foot.

You can visit a Distillery, Museum, Arts Centre and Theatre. Visitors can take beautiful walks in the adjacent Aros Park or to the lighthouse.

Tobermory Harbour Association is a community owned company which reinvests all profits back into the bay to provide facilities.

Tobermory Harbour Association
Tel: 01688 302876
Mob: 07917 832497
E-mail: jim.traynor@tobermoryharbour.co.uk
Website: www.tobermoryharbour.co.uk
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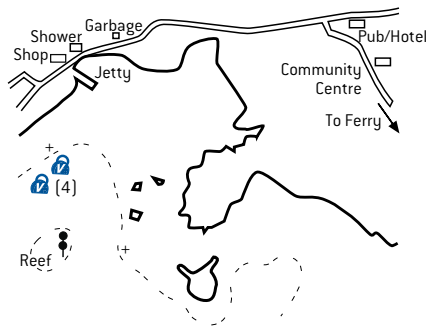
For local navigational advice www.turusmara.com 01688 400242



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KILCHOAN

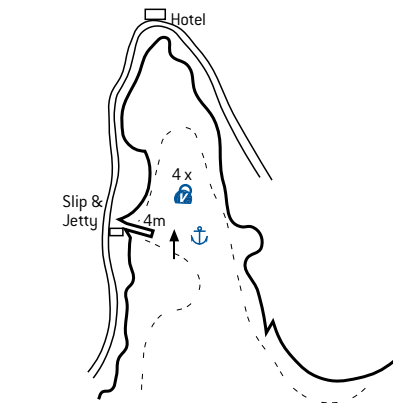


Kilchoan Bay is a beautiful and quiet anchorage. The four moorings are regularly checked by the West Ardnamurchan Jetty Association and are maintained to a high standard. Kilchoan Community Centre has a tearoom, free WiFi, and many other useful services, including tourist information. There is a public bar with food available at Kilchoan House Hotel, 01972 510200 (1.2km) It is a six mile walk to Arnamurchan Point, Britain's most westerly mainland point, complete with its lighthouse and visitor centre. Another road leads north west across the extinct volcanic crater at Achnaha to the stunning beaches at Sanna and the Viking burial at Port an Eilean Mhuir

West Ardnamurchan Jetty Association. Moorings charge £13, payable at the honesty box at the jetty, or send cheque payable to WAJA, 1 Glasbhein Cottages, Kilchoan, Acharacle, PH36 4LH, or bank transfer to WAJA, sort code: 82-68-18, Account No: 20285201.



SALEN (L SUNART)

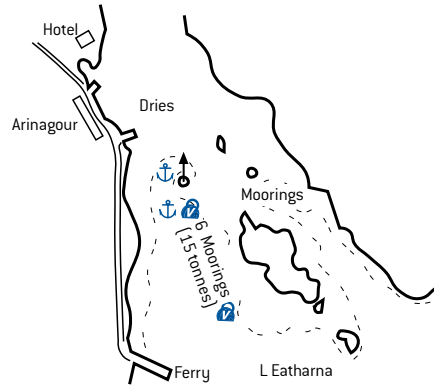


Salen Bay is a picturesque bay which lies a little over 20km East of Ardnamurchan Point, up Loch Sunart past Glenborrodale Castle, Mingary Castle ruins, Ben Hiant and Sunart Oakwoods. The Jetty at Salen Bay is now under new ownership. There are 4 visitor moorings (red buoys with orange pickups marked Jetty), rated to 15 tons and 20 metres. Marine red diesel, water and refuse collection are available. There are now no landing fees on the Jetty. To book a mooring please ring Mark or Jan. Excellent meals and a friendly bar are available at the Salen Hotel.

Salen Jetty, Salen, Acharacle
Phone: 01967 431510
Mobile: 07909 944494
Website: www.salenjetty.co.uk
VHF: CH80 "Salen Jetty"
Hotel: 01967 431661



ARINAGOUR (COLL)



Coll's attractions include an hotel, beaches, bird life, fishing, interesting flora, golf and opportunities for cycling and walking. There is a craft shop as well as the island stores and a fuel station. On foot or cycle you can take a circular route around the west end of Coll making use of the sandy track that goes to Hough Bay, a track closed to vehicles. The hotel has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and is appointed to a high standard, with six ensuite rooms, and an excellent reputation for fine lunches and dinners, whether in the bar or in the Gannet Restaurant. Overnight fees at the new Cal-Mac provided moorings are £10 per vessel, payable at the ferry terminal, the honesty box or at the hotel.

The Coll Hotel. Kevin & Julie Oliphant
Tel: 01879 230334
E-mail: info@collhotel.com
Website: www.collhotel.com
VHF: None
Island Stores: 01879 230484



Peter White

Coll hotel

Contact Kevin & Julie Oliphant
Isle of Coll Hotel, Arinagour, Isle of Coll,
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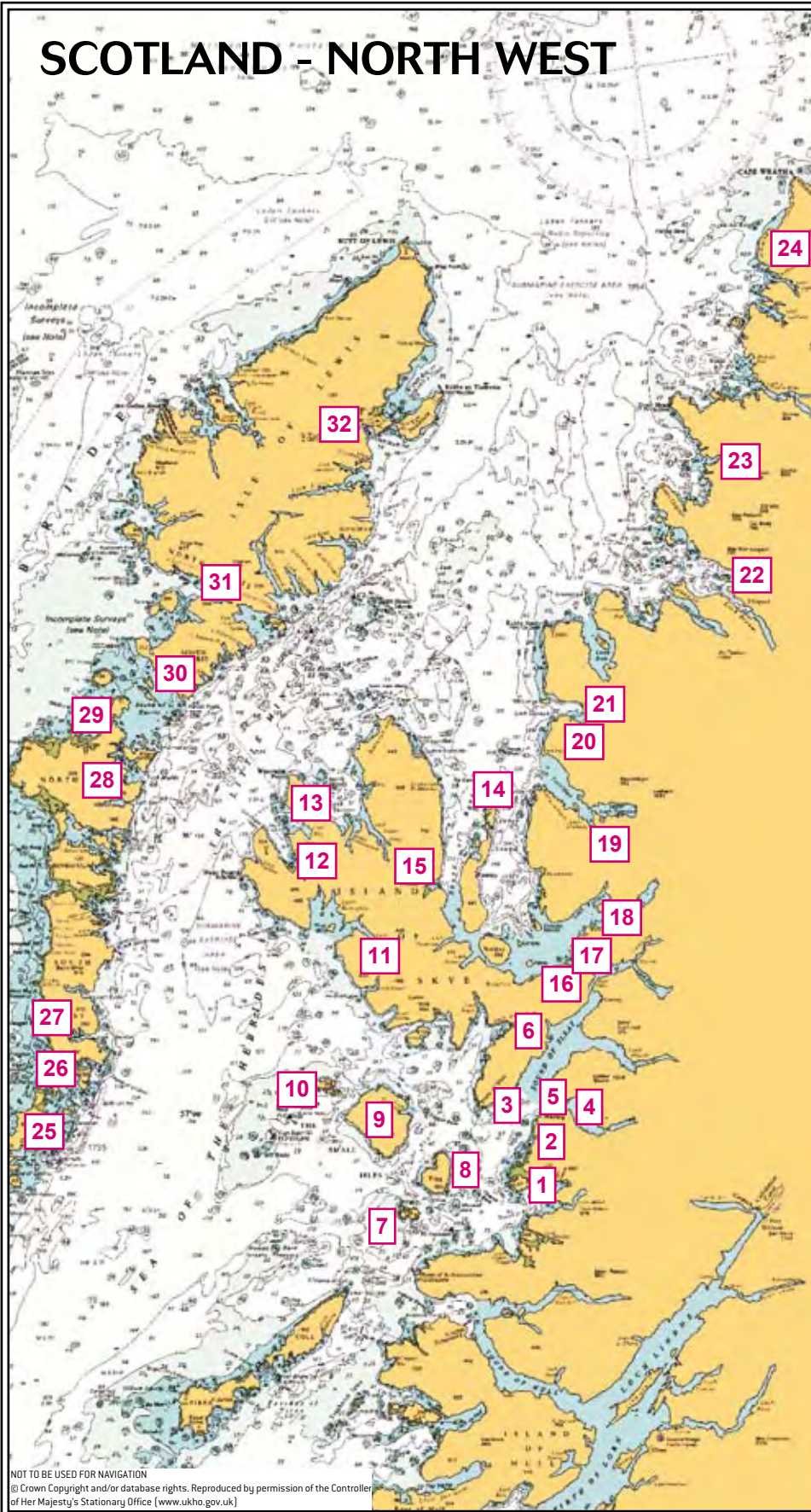
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As one voyages northward beyond Skye, the mainland mountains of Torridon and Assynt become progressively more majestic, until the land finally stops at Cape Wrath where the Minch becomes the Atlantic. The name is derived from the old Norse word for turning point, for this is where the Vikings altered course on their voyages between their Orkney stronghold and the West Coast.

OUTER HEBRIDES

The Long Isle, to give it its romantic name, stretches like a breakwater for one hundred miles from Barra Head to the Butt of Lewis, sheltering the mainland west coast and islands from Ardnamurchan almost to Cape Wrath. This shelter has made the Sea of the Hebrides and the Minches the fine cruising ground that it is.

The islands themselves offer contrasting attractions. From the south, the islands of Berneray (Barra Head) to South Uist vary from now uninhabited and wilderness places like Mingulay, to the busy islands of Vatersay and Barra, and the complexities of the Sound of Barra. The Uists have two very different faces. To the west is an uncompromising thirty mile strand with no anchorages or refuges, whilst the east coast is indented with many lochs and havens, a fine setting for the



cruising sailor.

Next is the Sound of Harris, the route to the Atlantic. The Sound is in places rock strewn, but the newly buoyed Stanton Channel along the Harris shore is an easy route to the west, whether to explore the west coast of Harris and Lewis, or to visit St Kilda, the ultimate destination for many yachtsmen.

The east coast of Harris and Lewis, like that of the Uists further south, has lochs, some quite long, to explore and anchor within. Stornoway, unless one is bound northabout past the Butt of Lewis or bound for the Faroes, generally marks the limit of cruising endeavour, for the coast north of the Eye peninsula has less to offer the recreational sailor.

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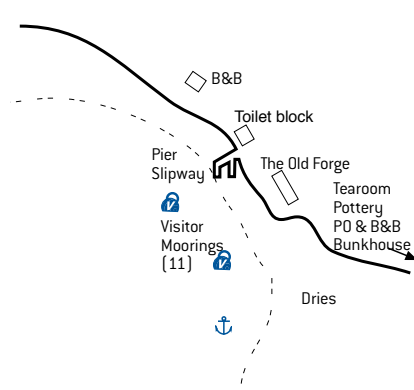
Top: Kyle of Lochalsh and Skye Bridge.

Above: Portree, Isle of Skye.

Below: Lochinver harbour.



INVERIE, KNOYDART



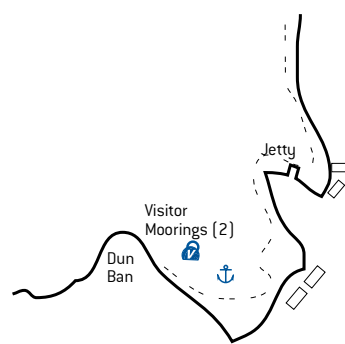
The Old Forge at Inverie on Loch Nevis, is an award winning gastropub and is also mainland Britain's remotest pub, offering free visitors' moorings to diners (marked buoys, £12 to non diners), all tide and all weather lit pier, 7 miles from Mallaig. Folk music and impromptu ceilidhs are a popular feature.

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DOUNE BAY

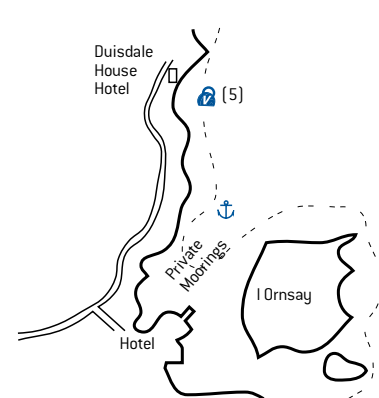


The yacht moorings are near the south shore of Doune Bay. Both bays are clean, except for the inshore shoal areas shown on the sketch. The bay gives good shelter from winds from NE through E to SW, but is uncomfortable in NW winds. On offer are 2 free visitor moorings, showers, telephone, and water at the pier. Please enquire at the house before coming alongside the pier. The Doune Dining Room was awarded Visit Scotland's Taste of Scotland Thistle Award in 2009 for its food. Everything is homemade from locally sourced fresh ingredients. The ambience is warm, friendly and relaxed, and equally suited to small or large groups. Bookings can be taken up until 5.00pm for that evening.

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DUISDALE & ISLE ORNSAY



Isle Ornsay bay offers a safe anchorage and visitor moorings.

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Eilean Iarmain Hotel is beside the pier at the head of the bay. There are also hotel moorings at Kinloch Lodge in nearby Loch na Dal.

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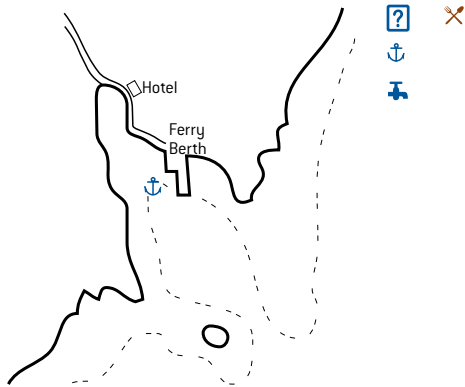
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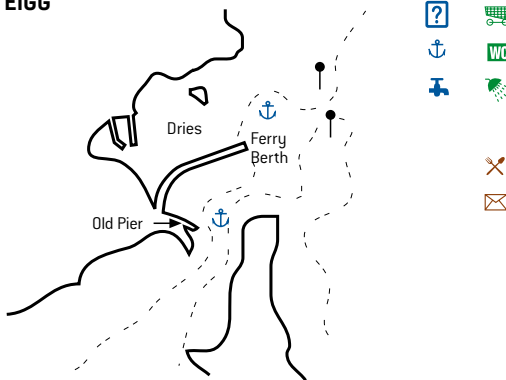


Muck is about two miles by one mile and has a population of approximately 38 people. There are two anchorages, Port Mor and Gallanach Bay. Muck is easy to walk around, with stunning scenery, beaches and wildlife. The highest point is Beinn Airein (at 451ft). The Craft Shop, Tearoom & Restaurant serves homemade food and crafts. Port Mor House Hotel and The Craft Shop serve dinner, please book well in advance. The Green Shed sells island crafts and seasonal island vegetables. Toilets, shower, washing machine and internet are also available on the island. Visitors are always very welcome at local events.

Craft Shop Tel: 01687 462990 & 460057
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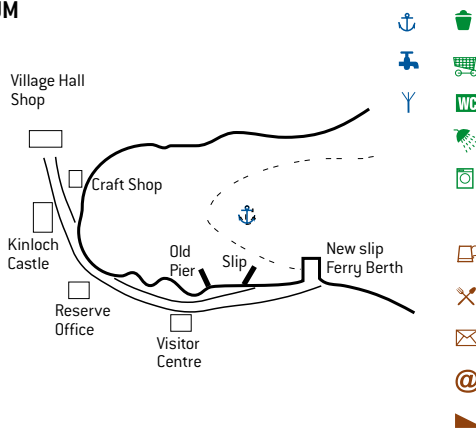


The Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust is run by a partnership between the residents of Eigg, The Highland Council, and The Scottish Wildlife Trust. On 12th June 2007 the island celebrated 10 years of ownership. The island has a well stocked shop and Post Office located at the head of the jetty, which can supply all the provisions you may need. There is also a Tearoom, and toilet and shower facilities. To guide you on your visit, you will find walking maps and booklets, and a variety of books on wildlife, geology and history, as well as souvenirs and craft items at the Craft Shop.

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RUM



Rum's main attractions are Kinloch Castle, red deer, Rum ponies, the Manx Shearwater colony, eagles and the rugged landscape. In summer, there are daily guided tours of Kinloch Castle and walks and talks are available from the community ranger service. You can land at the Old Pier or New Slip/Ferry Berth and the facilities are all within an easy 20 minute walk. Detailed information about Rum is available at the Visitor Centre if you are tempted to explore the wilderness of Rum. Tea, coffee and cakes are served in the Village Hall (summer) and there is also a cosy village craft shop.

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 Kinloch Castle Bistro: 01687 462037
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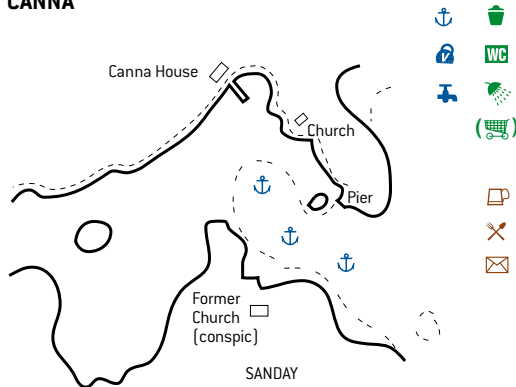
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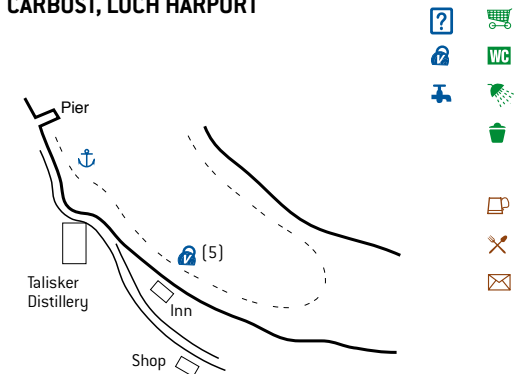


Canna's dramatic coastline is a Special Protection Area, home to shags, puffins, razorbills and black guillemots. Seals, porpoises and basking sharks can be spotted and eagles circle above the crags. Canna offers wonderful low level walking, dramatic cliff edge hikes, white sandy beaches, sites of archaeological and historical importance, and 3 church buildings. The island's highest point, Carn a Ghaill (210m), has superb views of the Cuillins, Rum and the Outer Isles. The café serves lunches and evening meals throughout the season and can provide some basic provisions. Shower and toilet facilities at the farm. The National Trust for Scotland is planning to install visitor moorings for 2012, but at the time of going to press the number and location is unknown.

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CARBOST, LOCH HARPORT

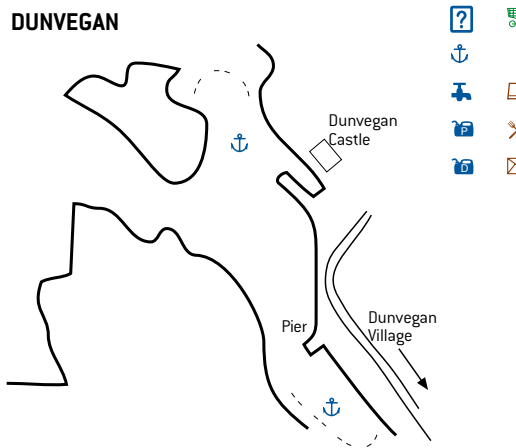


Carlost is perhaps best known as the home of Talisker malt whisky, and as a calling point for the annual Classic Malts Cruise. The distillery has a visitor centre which runs tours and sampling sessions. The visitor moorings are provided by the Old Inn which is a traditional highland inn offering food and drink, together with bunkhouse accommodation, showers and a drying room for climbers and walkers. These facilities are also available to visiting sailors. The village has a small shop that can supply provisions, petrol, diesel etc, and there is a part time Post Office.

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DUNVEGAN



Dunvegan is the largest village on the west coast of Skye. It is a long settlement stretching several miles south from Dunvegan Castle. Village services include shops, including a bakery, as well as a choice of hotels, guest houses, B&Bs, a campsite at the head of Loch Dunvegan and a Tourist Information Centre. As well as the hotels there are several high quality places to eat, such as The Three Chimneys and The Old School Restaurant. Dunvegan Castle, as the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland is well worth a visit. It has been the stronghold of the Chiefs of MacLeod for nearly 800 years.

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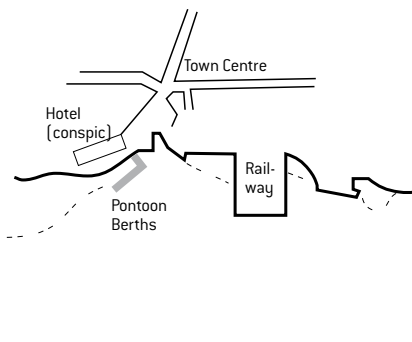
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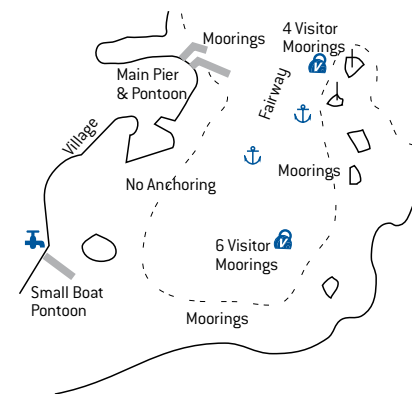


Kyle Harbour's pontoon facilities (on left of photo) are ideally situated for the passing yachtsman wishing to store up before heading north to the Islands and other mainland harbours. Cruising tickets can be purchased at Kyle to allow the yachtsman to use the facilities at Gairloch, Portree, Uig, Lochinver and Kinlochbervie. When sailing south, Kyle is a useful stopover to change crew and as there are rail and bus links to Inverness and beyond. When departing, one can accurately time the passage through Kylerhea to Ardnamurchan. The village is the transport and shopping centre for the area and the surrounding scenery and wildlife are regarded as attractions.

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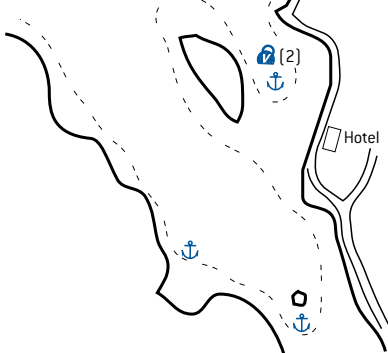


Plockton provides a safe harbour in most conditions for boats visiting this picturesque village. There are 10 visitors' moorings and two pontoons. The pontoons can be used for short periods but are not suitable for overnight berthing as they are used by working boats, so the areas marked should be kept clear at all times. Mooring fees should be paid in the hotels or shops. Showers can be arranged in the hotels. Plockton offers a choice of good places to eat, with 3 hotels in the village, a restaurant and a take away. There are stores, newspaper and art shops, a train station connecting with Inverness, airstrip and taxi service. Chandlery, fuel and gas are available at Kyle of Lochalsh.

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SHIELDAIG, LOCH TORRIDON

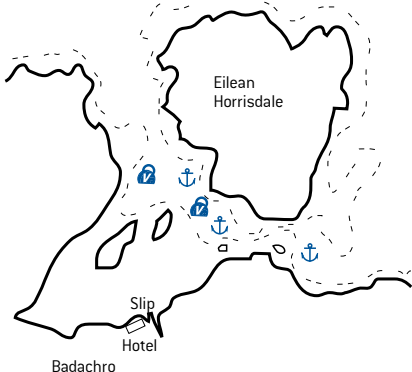


Shildaig is a pretty fishing village located in the heart of Loch Torridon. It has a general store, selling all the basic provisions and Tigh an Eilean Hotel (AA Inspectors' Choice and Good Hotel Guide 2009) with a restaurant (2 AA Rosettes and recommended by the Good Food Guide 2009). Shildaig Bar and Coastal Kitchen (Good Pub Guide 2009) which has a restaurant with wood fired oven upstairs and roof terraces with panoramic views of the loch and moorings. Traditional music is played in the pub most Friday or Saturday nights. All are located in the centre of the village within easy walking distance of the jetty.

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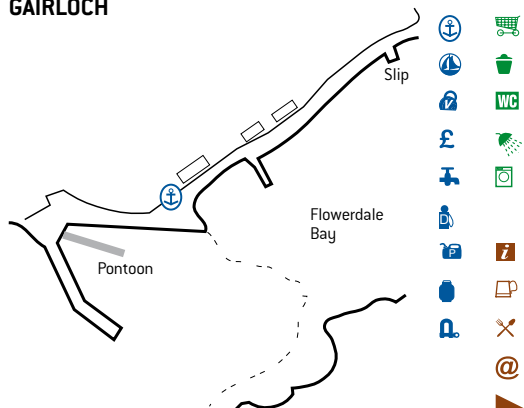


Badachro is famous for its convivial waterside pub, local atmosphere, great views. Nautical style decking with sails and rigging runs right down to the water. Sailing visitors and chatty locals mix happily in the bar, where you'll find interesting photographs and collages on the walls. The dining area on the left has big tables by a huge log fire, and there's a dining conservatory overlooking the bay. Excellent fresh fish is a feature of the menu. Friendly staff serve a beers from the An Teallach or Caledonian breweries, and a farm cider. Over 50 malt whiskies, and a good changing wine list, complete the picture. The bay is very sheltered, virtually landlocked by Eilean Horrisdale just opposite; you may see seals in the water, and occasionally even otters.

Badachro Inn: 01445 741255
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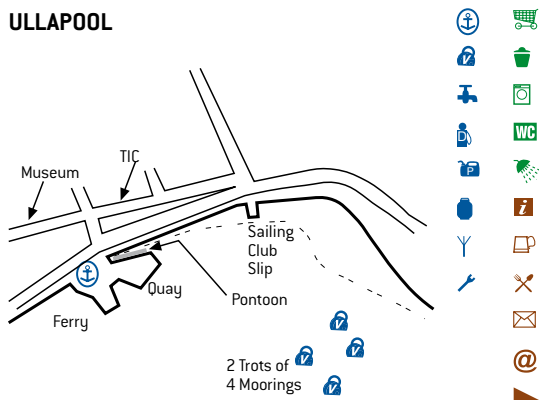


Gairloch Harbour is situated at the south end of the village and the north east portion of Flowerdale Bay, within the sea area of Loch Gairloch. Gairloch is a working port where both local and east coast fishing boats land most evenings, and is a busy port for inshore fishing. There are approximately 60 metres of pontoons at Gairloch Harbour for use by visiting boats, but it has been reported that this is often not available due to local boat activity.

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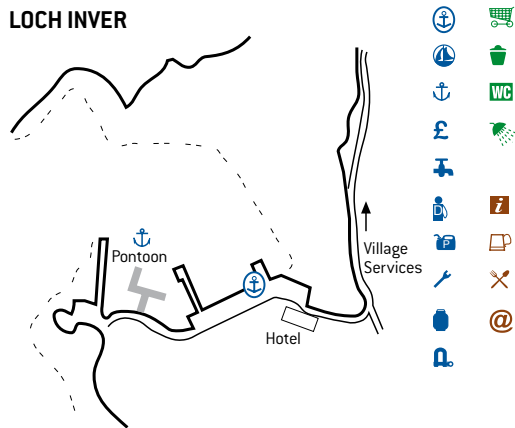


Ullapool is popular for refuelling and replenishing supplies. A dedicated leisure pontoon has been installed on the sheltered inside face of the pier, access is by prior arrangement with the harbour office. The Harbour Trust manages 8 moorings for visiting vessels of 15 metres or less. The rate per night is £12 with discounts available for longer stays. Lochbroom Sailing Club's slip/jetty is adjacent to the moorings, well suited for dinghy access. There is good holding ground for boats to anchor to the south of the moorings. The nearby village boasts a variety of shops, cafes, banks, a post office, and pubs. Top class food combined with live musical entertainment is available during the summer season.

Contact organisation Ullapool Harbour Trustees:
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LOCH INVER



This busy fishing port has benefited from recent investment in facilities for smaller craft, and now has deep water pontoon berths for visiting yachts. The attractive local village offers a variety of eating establishments and a couple of shops, as well as an excellent tourist office and local information display. The adjacent Assynt area was bought by its crofters in 1993, the first such transaction in Scotland, and their efforts to promote and improve the area is evident in the tourism offering.

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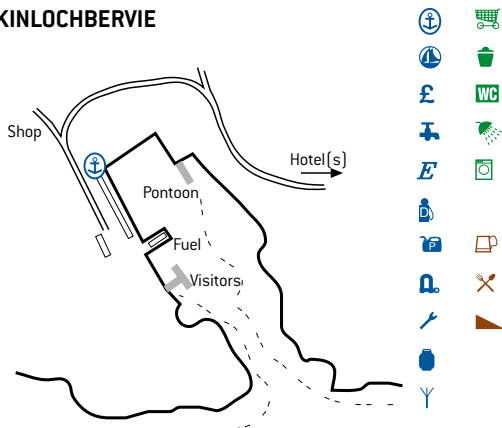
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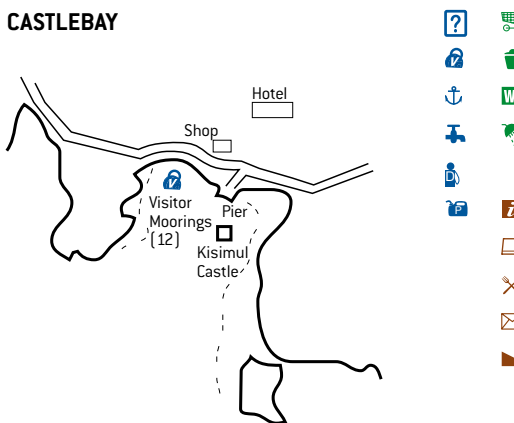


Kinlochbervie Harbour is possibly the most secure harbour on the north west coast, and is situated approx 15 miles south of Cape Wrath. All visiting yachts are made welcome in Kinlochbervie, which has a safe approach in any weather, complete shelter, and pontoons which can be used by visiting yachts. Development of facilities for leisure craft continues. Ashore, facilities include a Spar shop, and availability of fuel and water. A bar / hotel is a short (half mile) walk away. For yachts rounding Cape Wrath this is an invaluable stopping point, shortening the passage to or from Loch Eriboll to just 30 miles.

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 Website: www.kinlochbervie.info



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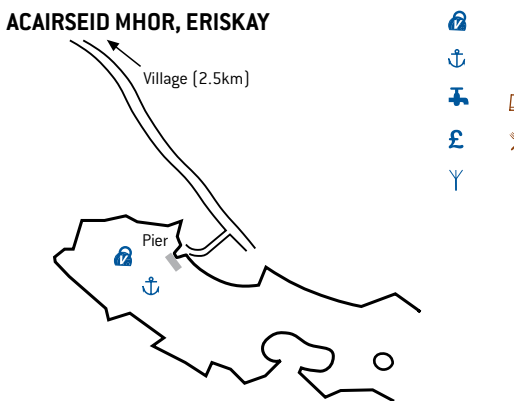


Castlebay was developed in the 19th century as a fishing port, but had been the stronghold of the MacNeil clan since 1427. Today it is the main town on the Isle of Barra, with a couple of hotels, church, post office, school, grocers, supermarket, bank, swimming pool and fuel station. Barra is abundant with beautiful scenery, rare flowers and wildlife, which can be appreciated on coastal or hill walks, drives or cycle rides along the various small roads. The Tourist Office will provide information on the Barra Games (July), the 9-hole golf course, and trout fishing, bike and car hire. Transport connections include the Cal-Mac ferry to Oban, and Barra airport is famously situated on the beach on the north side of the island.

Tourist Information Centre: 01871 810336
 Castlebay Hotel: 01871 810 223
 Website: www.isleofbarra.com
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ACAIRSEID MHOR, ERISKAY

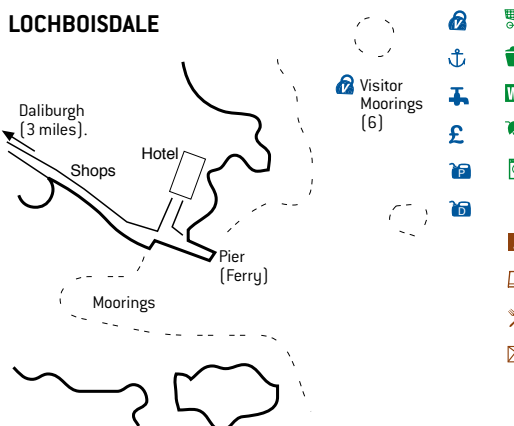


Acairseid Mhor in Eriskay has two visitor mooring buoys and adequate space for several anchored vessels. Pontoons are currently being extended and whilst geared up to the fishing industry will offer limited availability to visiting yachts. Water is available on the pontoon. The harbour is unmanned although harbour staff visit at irregular intervals. The shop and pub are a "healthy" walk away! All Western Isles visitor moorings are now subject to (modest) charges, details on their website.

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LOCHBOISDALE

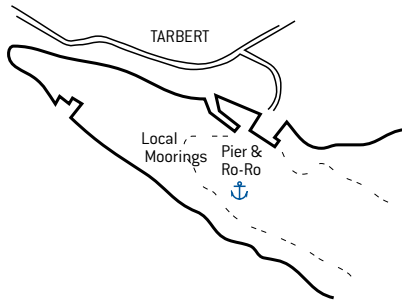


Lochboisdale grew up around the ferry terminus, and in recent years the buildings overlooking the harbour have been redeveloped and now present an attractive village centre, which has a Tourist Information Centre, bank, butcher, grocery shop, and PO. Fuel and car hire are available at the garage (1/4 mile), and other provisions at Daliburgh (3 miles). Local attractions include trout fishing (enquire at hotel) and a golf course on the west side of the island. Lochboisdale Hotel has an à la carte dining menu offering the best of local produce, seafood and game, as well as bar meals. Showers, laundry and wi-fi are available in the hotel.

Lochboisdale TIC: 01878 700286
 Lochboisdale Hotel: 01878 700332
 Website: www.lochboisdale.com
 Email: karen@lochboisdale.com



EAST LOCH TARBERT



Although Tarbert has few, if any, facilities specifically for visiting yachts, it is nonetheless a useful pitstop for fuel, water and provisions, and has a bank, two grocery stores, post office, tourist information centre, hairdressers, general store, and filling station.

The alternative is to go to nearby North Harbour Scalpay, where provisions, fuel and water are also available, with the option of visiting Tarbert by bus or taxi.

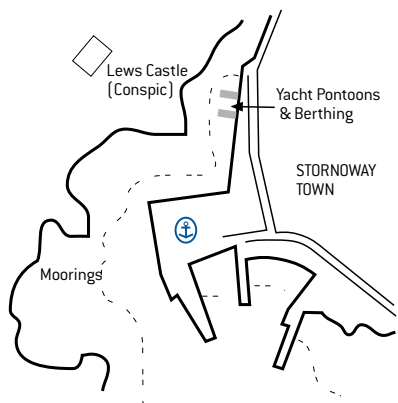
There are two hotels in Tarbert: Harris Hotel and the adjacent Harris Inn provide restaurant and bar meals - as does the Pierhouse Restaurant, part of the Hotel Hebrides by the ferry terminal, from where the ferry crosses to Uig on Skye.

Tarbert TIC: 01859 502011
 Harris Hotel: 01859 502154
www.harrishotel.com
 Hotel Hebrides: 01859 502364
www.hotel-hebrides.com



North Harbour, Scalpay – Martin Lawrence

STORNOWAY



The Port of Stornoway offers a range of facilities unmatched in the north west of Scotland. It is situated 30 miles off the mainland coast of Scotland, and is the main seaport of the Hebridean island chain.

Stornoway has good communication links with the mainland with several daily flights and daily Ro-Ro ferry services to Ullapool. There is a good range of general marine services available.

Stornoway is a lively and vibrant town that has a variety of pubs, restaurants, hotels and clubs. It is an ideal base from which to explore the unique scenery and many activities the Islands have to offer.

Internet access is available at the Library in the town centre.

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Clyde Cruising Club publish (SDs) for the whole area covered by **Welcome Anchorages**, and have this year published a new edition of their Firth of Clyde volume. You can find out more, and purchase copies of all CCC SDs on the club website (see below).

The new CCC **Firth of Clyde Sailing Directions** incorporate the former Martin Lawrence **Yachtsman's Pilot**, and all future editions of other areas will be an amalgam of the Martin Lawrence Pilots and the CCC Sailing Directions, authored by CCC and published by Imray.

Irish Cruising Club's Sailing Directions are the only SDs to cover the whole of Ireland, and are printed in two volumes which are regularly revised and reprinted. Up to date corrections are always available on the club website (see below), which also gives details of stockists around the UK and Ireland. Need-less to say the two editions East & North Coast and South & West Coast between them cover the new MalinWaters area in the 2012 **Welcome Anchorages**.



Corrections are always freely available for both CCC and ICC publications on their respective websites: www.clyde.org and www.irishcruisingclub.com

UK Hydrographic Office and Imray charts are available direct or from chandlers and chart agents. Both publish leisure folios that provide more detail relevant to small craft navigation.

Websites: www.ukho.gov.uk and www.imray.com



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ORKNEY ISLANDS

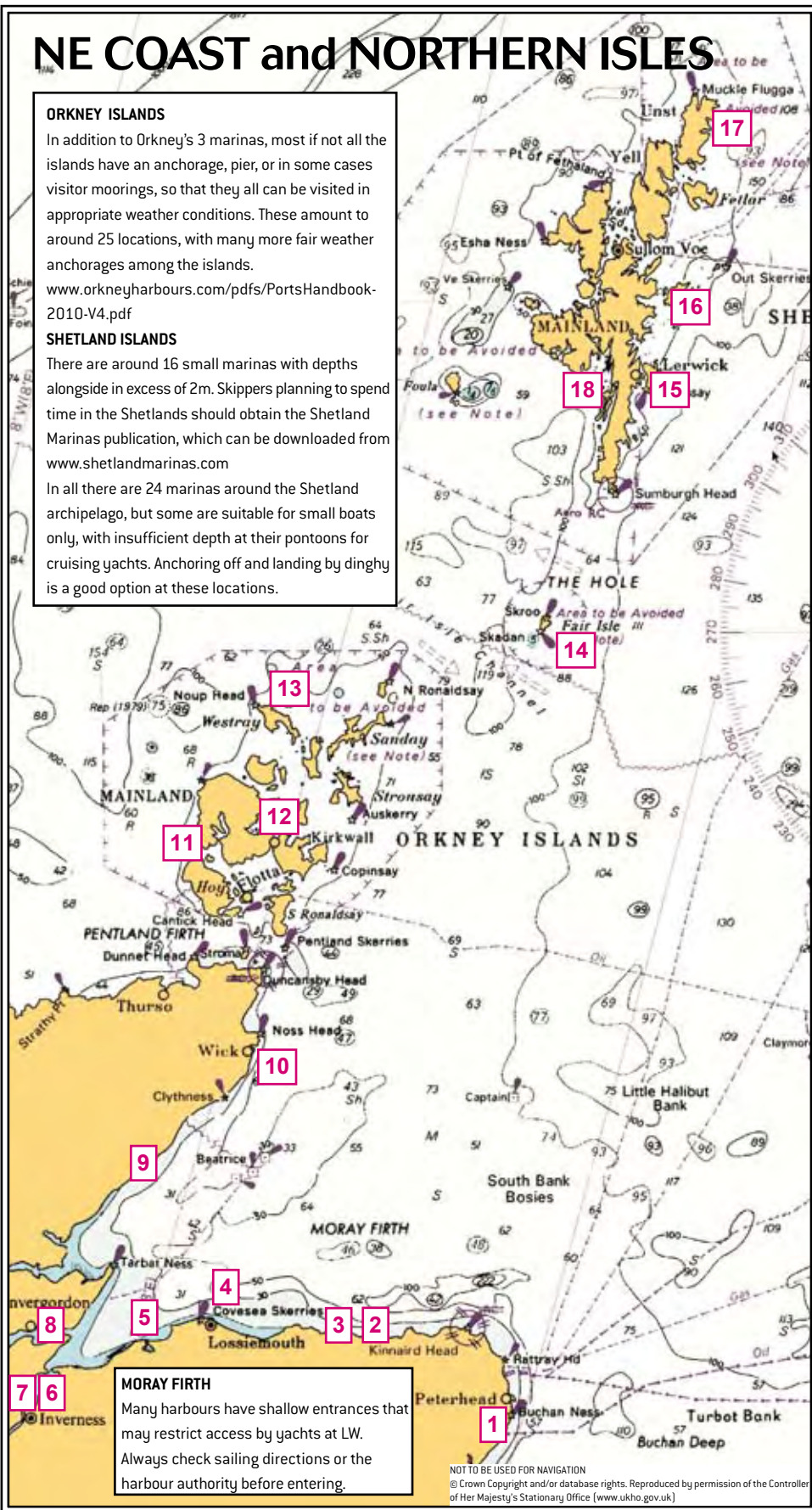
In addition to Orkney's 3 marinas, most if not all the islands have an anchorage, pier, or in some cases visitor moorings, so that they all can be visited in appropriate weather conditions. These amount to around 25 locations, with many more fair weather anchorages among the islands.

www.orkneyharbours.com/pdfs/PortsHandbook-2010-V4.pdf

SHETLAND ISLANDS

There are around 16 small marinas with depths alongside in excess of 2m. Skippers planning to spend time in the Shetlands should obtain the Shetland Marinas publication, which can be downloaded from www.shetlandmarinas.com

In all there are 24 marinas around the Shetland archipelago, but some are suitable for small boats only, with insufficient depth at their pontoons for cruising yachts. Anchoring off and landing by dinghy is a good option at these locations.



MORAY FIRTH

Many harbours have shallow entrances that may restrict access by yachts at LW. Always check sailing directions or the harbour authority before entering.

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- Marine Diesel / Petrol
- Fuel by can
- Gas
- Chandler
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- Wi-Fi

- Provisions Store
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- Laundrette
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- Restaurant
- Post Office
- Internet Access
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NOTE: Information is supplied in good faith, and has been verified as far as possible. Corrections and updates are welcome for the next edition.

NORTH EAST COAST and NORTHERN ISLES



MORAY FIRTH

This large triangle of water lying between Rattray Head and Duncansby Head is exposed to the north and east, sheltered from the south and west, and in summer usually enjoys dry and sunny weather. You can either sail from place to place, or if on passage to the Northern Isles or Scandinavia can use strategic ports like Wick and Peterhead, which have excellent marina facilities, as departure points.

The Firth has developed substantially over the past decade, and now offers very good boating harbour facilities all around its shores. The re-invention of many redundant fishing harbours as leisure ports has awakened strong interest in and demand for recreational boating, but although most of the new leisure harbours are full, there is generally room for visitors.

The Caledonian Canal is a major asset, linking the east and west coasts, and providing a range of facilities at the Inverness end. This famous short cut avoids the potentially challenging voyage around the north of Scotland, and is an interesting and enjoyable passage through some spectacular mountains and lochs.

The new marina at Inverness Harbour is another welcome new development. Recently built on reclaimed harbour land, it has rapidly filled with leisure craft.

A major attraction when cruising the Moray Firth is the abundant sea-life. The Firth's large porpoise and dolphin population seem to enjoy meeting and greeting boats.



The Moray Firth is a wonderful place to watch dolphins.

ORKNEY

The Orkney group consists of the principal island of Mainland, and some 13 other inhabited islands extending some 40 miles from north to south, and 30 miles east to west. At its nearest point it is just 5 miles from the Scottish mainland, but that stretch of water is The Pentland Firth, noted for its fierce tides which must be treated with respect. Indeed, the whole archipelago is subject to the full force of the tidal stream in and out of the North Sea, creating a regime not dissimilar to that of the Channel Islands, although with a much smaller tidal range.

Although located close to the mountains and moors of the Highlands, Orkney is, thanks to very different geology, a green and pleasant land of relatively low islands, where the main agricultural activity is dairy farming and stock rearing.

This fertility attracted settlers from Neolithic (from 3,500BC) through Pictish and Norse times, who have left a superb and largely intact archaeological heritage for us to see and enjoy.

Most inter-island passages will be achieved in a few hours, so a cruise plan allowing plenty of time to explore the islands is not difficult to devise. Indeed, as the tides are the commanding factor in passage planning in these parts, onward progress is often limited to a 5 or 6 hour window of tidal opportunity.

These tidal streams are not only strong, but are affected by the narrow channels, uneven seabed, prominent headlands and North Sea or Atlantic swell and wave patterns to produce dangerous overfalls (known locally as rosts or roosts), which are usually marked on the chart, and must be avoided.

Passages which risk encountering strong wind against spring tides should also be avoided, and close study of chart, tidal atlas and weather forecast is essential to avoid a very unpleasant sail, or worse!

SHETLAND

Shetland offers a quite remote and totally unspoiled cruising ground that is easily accessible from most of north west Europe, with no need to cross oceans.

Cruising in the Shetland Archipelago, with its 100 small islands and 900 miles of coastline, offers a beautiful combination of dramatic cliffs and natural harbours. Piers and small marinas nestle in sheltered and scenic inlets, and the coastal landscape forms a dramatic backdrop.

Your yacht allows you easy access to the smaller islands, and nowhere on the land is more than three miles from the coast. Interesting walks, great fishing in fresh water lochs, and five millennia of history can be enjoyed at over 6,000 archaeological sites.

Shetland is also one of Europe's unique wilderness environments. Birds, seals, otters, dolphins and whales are everywhere – the whole island group is a naturalist's paradise! Much of the coast is steep-to, with deep water close to shore, fantastic water clarity and hazards well-charted.

Shetland's historic links with the sea have shaped a very special marine culture and infrastructure, so facilities available for boating are excellent. Marinas and piers form the heart of the islands' small communities, and you can be sure that local folk will extend a warm and practical welcome to every visiting seafarer.

Shetland's location also makes it a useful stopping point during longer passages, whether heading south to the UK, east to Norway, north to Faeroe, or perhaps even further afield.

Any well-found yacht that has sailed to the Shetland Islands will be well equipped for cruising in the area, however, it is advisable to carry a heavier anchor, not only for security in heavy weather, but because many anchorages have extensive kelp (seaweed) on the seabed.

The Shetland Islands may lie at 60°N, but they enjoy a warm climate for their latitude, thanks to the temperate waters of the Atlantic.

Top: Scapa Flow with the island of Hoy beyond.

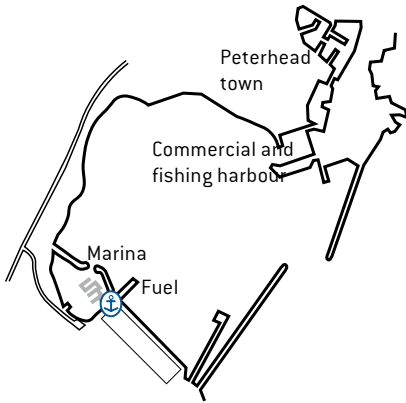
Right: Lerwick Harbour regularly hosts sailing events, and is a favourite port of call for long distance races.



WELCOME ANCHORAGES

MORAY FIRTH & N. ISLES

PETERHEAD

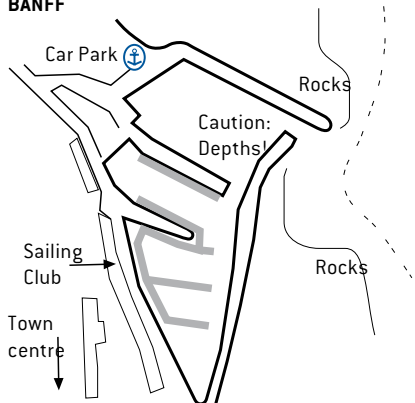


Peterhead Bay Harbour is a deep water natural inlet protected from the sea by two breakwaters. The marina lies within the large sheltered harbour which mainly services the oil industry. The inner harbour is devoted to the fishing industry. Peterhead is an ideal staging post for vessels heading to and from Scandinavia and vessels heading to the Caledonian Canal and the popular sailing areas on the western coast of Scotland. There are 150 fully serviced berths, and ample berths for visiting yachts. The entrance depth is 2.3m, with 2.5m at the main berths. Peterhead town is a short walk / taxi ride away, and provisions etc can be obtained there. The bus connection to Aberdeen stops at the marina access road.

Peterhead Port Authority
Marina Tel: 01779 483600
Marina Mobile: 07803 264617
Website: www.peterheadport.co.uk
VHF: Ch 14 [H24]



BANFF



A former fishing and cargo port now used as a recreational harbour, Banff offers excellent facilities to regular and visiting users. The marina provides 76 serviced pontoon berths (6 reserved for visitors) in one of the safest harbours on the coast. Fresh water is available on the quays, and there is a small repair/painting plinth, storage compounds and car parking. Banff is a handsome town with many amenities, and is well worth exploring. NAVIGATIONAL NOTE: A yacht of 1.8m draft can only enter 4 hours either side of HW. The visitor berths have a minimum of 1.8m at all states of the tide.

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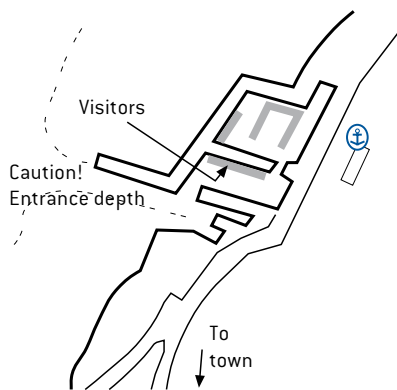


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WHITEHILLS



There are now two establishments serving excellent meals just a short walk from the marina: the Seaford Arms Hotel and the Cutty bar and restaurant. The village has a shop, post office, butcher and a fish shop selling locally-caught catch.

NAVIGATIONAL NOTE:

The minimum depth at MLWS is 1.6m in the channel and 2.1m on the visitors pontoon. A 2m vessel can enter 90 minutes either side of MLWS.

Note: Keeping close to the lighthouse wall up to the sharp turn to port to enter the outer basin is recommended, as the 1.6m shoal is in the middle of the channel. There is also a small shoal in the middle of the outer basin where the minimum depth is also 1.6m. These shoals are banks of sand. At MLWN a 2m vessel can enter anytime.

Whitehills Harbour & Marina

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Web: www.whitehillsharbour.co.uk



LOSSIEMOUTH



The Marina has 90 berths in two basins with toilet facilities, showers, and a coin operated laundrette. Electricity (pre-payment cards from Steamboat Inn or HM) and water at all berths. Visiting craft: £20 per day.

Undercover storage for up to four yachts for major work and a workshop for approved craftsmen. 25-ton Sublift Semi-submersible Self-propelled Boat Lift, boatshed and engineer on site.

Lossiemouth has a good selection of shops, a lively inn, outstanding surfing beach, sailing club, restaurants and bars, allowing visitors an enjoyable time. Lossiemouth CC: www.lossiecc.co.uk

NAVIGATIONAL NOTE:

Entrance depth 1.8 metre at LW +/- 2 hours.

Some berths less than 1.8m at LWS: berth as directed.

Elgin & Lossiemouth Harbour Co

Harbour Master: Duncan Pockett

Tel: 01343 813066

Mobiles [24/7]: 07969 213521 & 07969 213513

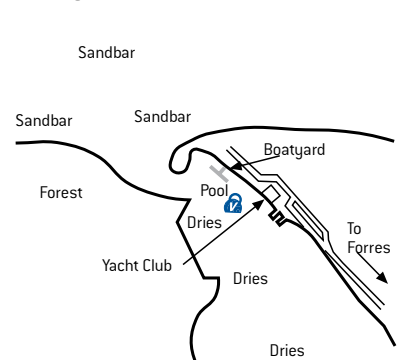
Email: info@lossiemouthmarina.com

Web: www.lossiemouthmarina.com

VHF: Mon-Fri 0800-1700; Sat 0900-1100



FINDHORN



The village, the boatyard and the Yacht Club lie on the east shore of Findhorn Bay, where there is a village shop and post office, and several pubs.

Findhorn Boatyard has a pontoon, slipway, boat lift, boat repairs, dinghy parking and a well stocked chandlery. For crew changing Findhorn can be easily reached by air and rail, and the closest airport is Inverness, some 20 miles west. Travellers by rail can take the Inverness-Aberdeen train at Forres station and reach Findhorn by bus or taxi.

NAVIGATION NOTE:

Findhorn Bay can only be entered by deep draft yachts at around HW as there is an extensive sandbar at the entrance. This is marked by buoys and depth gauges. Call Findhorn Marina for free pilotage advice.

Royal Findhorn YC

Tel: 01309 690247

Web: www.rfyc.net

Findhorn Marina & Boatyard

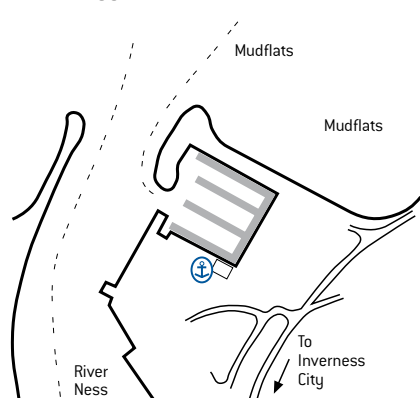
Tel: 01309 690099

Email: info@findhornmarina.com

web: www.findhornmarina.com



INVERNESS MARINA



Inverness Marina is a 150 berth marina seven miles SW of Chanonry Point in the Inverness Firth, one mile from Inverness City centre and 15 minutes by road from Inverness Airport.

It is close to the entrance to the Caledonian Canal, giving easy access to the West Coast.

Inverness Marina is a sheltered deep water harbour with access at all states of the tide. Min depth 3.0m LAT.

Inverness is the hub of a transport network to and from all parts of the Highlands and the UK. It has a full range of shops and other city facilities.

The Moray Firth is a Special Area of Conservation with dolphins, porpoises, seals and many birds to see.

Inverness Marina Ltd

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Website: www.invernessmarina.co.uk

VHF: Ch 12 [0900 -1700].



INVERNESS SEAPORT MARINA



Seaport Marina is based at Muirtown Wharf at the eastern entrance to the Caledonian Canal. Only a 15 minute walk from the centre of Inverness, this is an ideal base for visiting the Highlands. Clachnaharry Sea Lock is available HW +/- 4 hours, within operating hours.

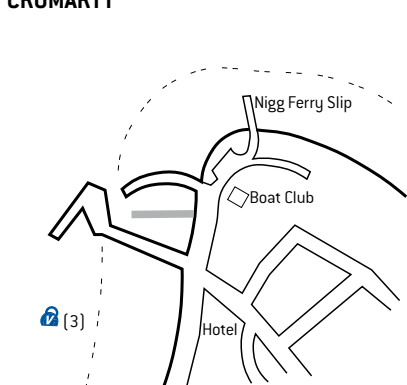
As well as the facilities listed, a disabled crew lift is also available at Seaport Marina and at various locations along the canal (Caley Marina, Temple Pier, Fort Augustus and Banavie). There are shops and amenities nearby, and Caley Marina, only a short distance from Muirtown Basin, offers visitor mooring facilities, a chandlery, repair services, and a boat hoist and slipway.

More information can be obtained, and a Skipper's Guide downloaded, by visiting the Scottish Canals website or by contacting the Canal Office, see above.

British Waterways Scotland
Clachnaharry Sea Lock: 01463 725512
Canal Office: 01463 725500
Email: enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk
Web: www.scottishcanals.co.uk
VHF Ch 74 (16), call "Clachnaharry Sea Lock"



CROMARTY



For such a little town on the northern edge of the Black Isle, Cromarty has a good selection of shops, hotels, catering establishments and small businesses, such as the Royal Hotel, Cromarty Arms Hotel, Sutor Creek Café, Post Office, Spar Grocers, Bakery, the Emporium and the Pantry.

Bike hire is available and Ecoventures water trips is based here.

There are no harbour toilet or shower facilities, although The Cromarty Boat Club may make their toilet and shower facilities in the Clubhouse available on request.

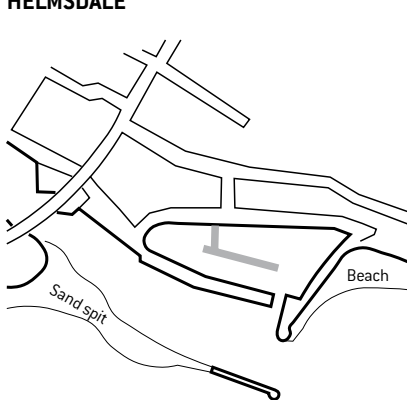
NAVIGATIONAL WARNING

Recent dredging was planned to give depths of approximately 1.8m LAT at the pontoon visitor berth. Check with HM before berthing.

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Mobile: 07751 244065
Email: info@cromartyharbour.org
www.cromartyharbour.org
Cromarty Boat Club: www.cromartyboatclub.org



HELMSDALE



Helmsdale is a planned village, built from 1814 by the Sutherland Estates to create a community able to live from both fishing and farming, and absorb people who had been cleared off the land. The harbour was built and expanded between 1818 and 1892.

The Timespan Heritage Centre is the museum of Helmsdale and the surrounding area. There is also a gallery showing the work of international, national and local artists; an excellent cafe overlooking the riverside community garden; and a shop.

The town has four restaurants and three hotels, as well as provisions shops etc.

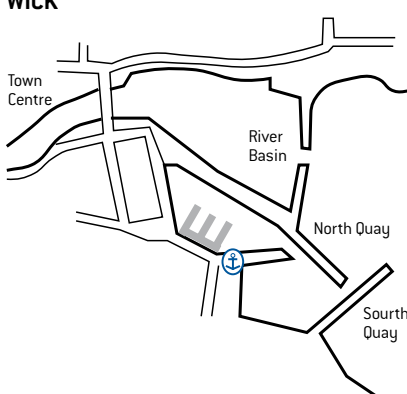
NAVIGATION NOTE:

There is a shallow reef in the approach to the harbour.

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Web: www.helmsdale-harbour.org.uk



WICK



Wick lies in a strategic position on the north east tip of the mainland, and is ideally placed for passage to or from the Northern Isles and the West Coast. The new marina, opened in 2009, is only a five minute stroll from the town centre with plenty of shopping and leisure opportunities, and renowned Caithness hospitality.

Local visitor attractions such as the award winning Wick Heritage Centre, and Pulteney Distillery, producing finest single malt whisky, are all close by.

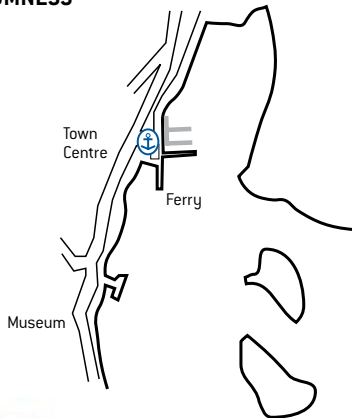
Wick Airport is just a mile from the marina, with daily flights to Aberdeen and Edinburgh, and the rail service connects with Inverness.

Wick is a secure base to leave a yacht and to explore the NE of Scotland.

Wick Harbour Authority
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Web: www.wickharbour.co.uk
VHF: Ch 16 14 (0900-1700 Mon - Fri)



STROMNESS



A 64 berth marina within the harbour and just yards from the attractions of this historic town. Accessible at all states of tide, all year facility, excellent shelter. Showers, toilets and laundry on site. All other facilities are around the harbour, which is dredged throughout to 2m LAT. Maximum draft 2.0 metres. Stromness was an important whaling and arctic exploration port, and the town museum is well worth a visit.

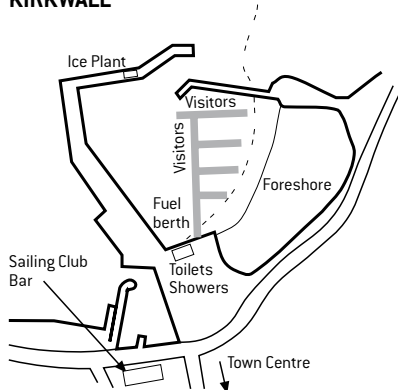
Today it offers a good selection of provisions shops and restaurants. Bus connection with Kirkwall, and the ferry to Scottish mainland.

The prehistoric sites at Maes Howe and Skara Brae are a short taxi ride away, and no visit to Orkney is complete without seeing them.

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VHF: Ch14



KIRKWALL



A 95 berth marina within the harbour and beside the attractions of this ancient port. Accessible at all states of tide, all year facility, excellent shelter. Showers and toilet block on site. All other facilities around the harbour.

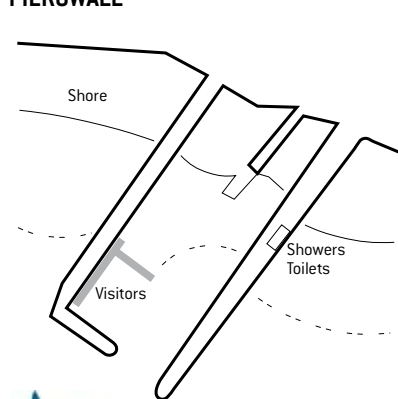
Depth varies. Maximum draft 2.7 metres but call for instructions for deep berths. Some shallow berths less than 1 metre at LAT.

Kirkwall is the capital of Orkney, and offers a full range of facilities and services, excellent restaurants, and historic sights to see.

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PIEROWALL



Serviced visitor pontoon facility within Pierowall Harbour. Accessible at all states of tide, summer facility, excellent shelter. Showers and toilets on site. Open May to September.

Depth varies. Maximum draft 3.0 metres but call for instructions for deep berths. Some shallow berths less than 1 metre at LAT.

Local facilities include shops, bakery, post office, swimming pool, two hotels, arts and crafts shops, and the area has a wealth of historic and wildlife interest. Westray is a hospitable place and a favourite with many cruising sailors.

There are ferry and air connections with Kirkwall. Westray, like most of the Orkney Islands, is fertile and the main occupation is agriculture.

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YOUR CRUISING COMPANIONS

Cruising Companions provide information not offered by the more technical Sailing Directions, and they are useful when cruise planning, or for reference afloat.

Cruising Scotland is written by Welcome Anchorages Editor Mike Balmforth, and edited and designed by Edward Mason, who is Editor of the CCC Sailing Directions. Their vast knowledge of our west coast has been distilled into the first book of its kind to be published; one that combines high quality information with exceptional presentation.

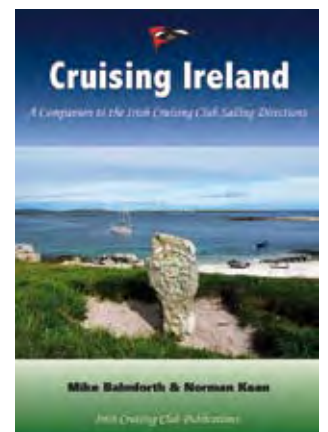
The emphasis is on the non-navigational information about cruising destinations - the landscape, history and traditions, the yachting exploits of the past, and the sheer beauty of the highlands and islands.

It is available from chandlers at £27.50, or from CCC: www.clyde.org

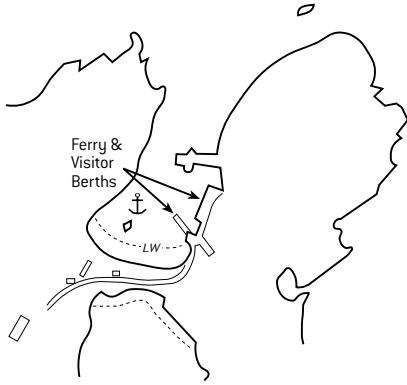
Cruising Ireland, covering the whole coast of Ireland, is in preparation by the Irish Cruising Club, and will be published during summer 2012. Written by Mike Balmforth and Norman Kean, who is Editor of the ICC Sailing Directions, it will provide all the information you need to make the most of cruising Ireland's spectacular and beautiful coast; what to look out for, what to do ashore, lots of history, and anecdotes about the nautical past.

Cruising Ireland will have over 200 pages and 300 photos, and will be available from chandlers everywhere.

Watch the yachting press for more information.



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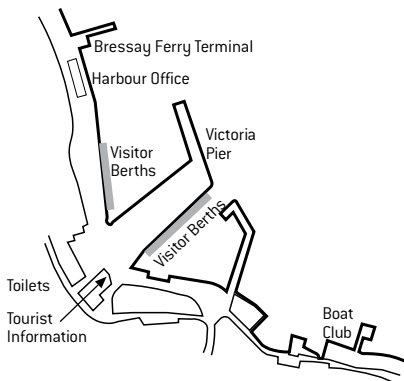


Fair Isle, world-famous for its knitting and bird life, has a well sheltered and easily accessible pier at North Haven, and a pontoon for visiting yachts, which can also anchor off the pier if preferred. The island makes a great stepping stone, whether on the way north to Shetland or heading south to explore the rest of Britain. Fair Isle's internationally acclaimed Lodge and Bird Observatory is around 300 metres from the pier and has toilets, showers and a telephone as well as serving excellent food. Fair Isle is also famous for its knitting and is the only source of the genuine Fair Isle garment. The George Waterston Memorial Centre & Museum is packed with displays of the island's history from prehistoric times to the present.

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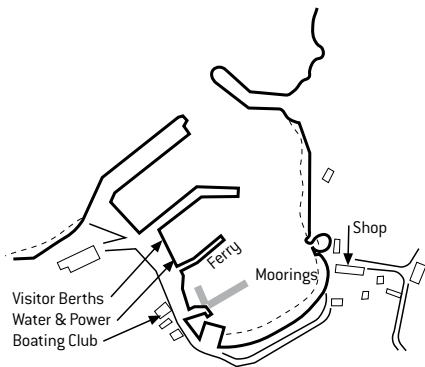


Lerwick, the capital of Shetland, is a main centre for visiting yachts and often the first port of call. Visitors can enjoy modern expanded berthing facilities and services all within Lerwick Town Centre. A stroll across the street provides easy access to shops containing a larder of fresh produce, arts & crafts and a variety of restaurants and bars. Shetland's many other attractions include over 900 miles of dramatic coast, breathtaking cliff scenery, clean golden beaches, unique wildlife and world famous archeological sites. Shetland Museum and Archives provides a fascinating insight into Shetland's rich heritage and cosmopolitan culture. Lerwick Harbour is host to a variety of sailing races both local and national, where visitors are welcome as spectators or participants.

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SYMBISTER, WHALSAY



On Whalsay, Symbister is a handy stopover for cruising yachts and has both a small boat marina and a pier, as well as a nearby anchorage in North Voe, although as the bottom is foul with old moorings the anchor should be buoyed. The pier offers good berthing for around 20 visiting boats. The Boating Club is open most lunch times and evenings, and welcomes visitors. The nearest shop and post office is a 5 minute walk from the pier. There is a museum devoted to the German Hanseatic traders who once dominated the Shetland economy. The leisure centre is 15 minutes walk inland. The mainstay of the Whalsay community is pelagic fishing.

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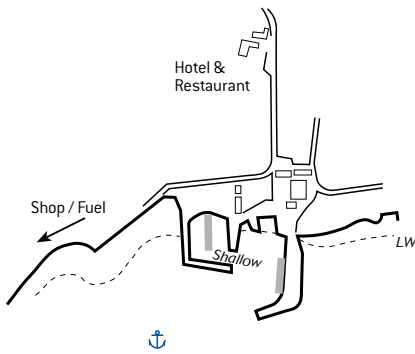


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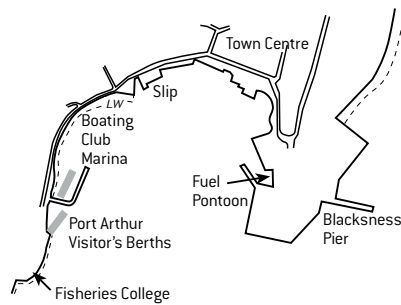


Baltasound is a large and well-served harbour sheltered by the island of Balta at the mouth of the sound and by the high ground to the north and west. While the small boat marina is not suitable for visiting yachts, the pontoon berth situated on the west face of the main pier is accessible at all states of the tide. Alternatively, there is a good anchorage south west of the pier. Haroldswick, a few miles north, is home to the Unst Boat Haven, Shetland's only museum dedicated to the history of the island's distinctive wooden boats and the line fishermen who used them until the early 20th century. You can also see the unique 'Shetland Models' that are still raced around the islands.

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SCALLOWAY



Scalloway, capital of Shetland until the 17th century, provides a storm-proof harbour and everything a visiting yacht requires. The harbour is sheltered from all wind directions by the islands of Trondra and Burra, and can be accessed at all states of the tide and in all weather conditions. The visitor's pontoon is near Scalloway Boating Club (SBC) at Port Arthur, on the western side of the outer harbour. Facilities including toilets, showers, and laundry are available at the boating club, which is open Monday–Thursday 1900 until late, Friday 1500 until late, and Saturday and Sunday 0900 until late. The Boating Club extends a legendary welcome, and Da Haaf restaurant at the nearby Atlantic Fisheries College is a renowned seafood restaurant.

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